



**REPORT OF THE  
ACTIVITY IMPACT AND USER NEED SURVEY  
IN DHANAWAS**

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## 1. BACKGROUND

### 1.1 Introduction

As energy plays an important role in improvement of quality of life, energy development forms a significant part of rural development programmes. Need for increase in energy supply on one hand and on the other, shortage of electricity, biofuels and liquid petroleum fuels calls for conservation of energy and use of renewable energy forms. Consequently, in the energy development activities being undertaken at the village level greater emphasis is being given to more optimal use of local energy sources. The Planning Commission has been promoting methods of Integrated Rural Energy Planning (IREP). The Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources has been undertaking programmes like NPBD (National Programme on Biogas Development), NPIC (National Programme for Improved Cookstoves) and Development of Urja Grams for promoting use of alternative sources of energy in rural areas.

While all these energy development activities are carried out as a part of rural development, the response of the concerned communities to these programmes depends on the current development level of these communities. Hence different approaches for energy extension may be needed for villages at different levels of development. To develop the appropriate approach, it is essential to understand the energy development issues involved in

different village categories, i.e. a backward village where even basic amenities of food, water, shelter, primary education and health services are not easy to get; in a village at a medium level of development where the basic requirements of food and water may be satisfied and there is access to other facilities like electricity, education etc.; and in a developed rural environment where these facilities are more easily accessible and urban linkages are fairly developed.

The Tata Energy Research Institute adopted a village, Dhanawas in the Gurgaon district of Haryana to develop a suitable approach for energy development in a relatively developed rural community. The village was adopted in 1984. To begin with, surveys were carried out in the village to collect primary data on the energy consumption and supply [1,2] situation in the village. This was followed by demonstration of solar devices, biogas plants and improved cookstoves in the households. An energy plantation was also started on the Panchayat wasteland. To increase involvement of the villagers and to develop a local body for management of the energy systems, a Village Energy Development Committee was formed.

After about two years of extension work, a need was felt to get feedback from the villagers on activities hitherto undertaken and to identify the directions for future dissemination. Thus a survey, termed as the

"Activity Impact and User Need Survey" was carried out in March, 1987. Mainly characterized by its direct relation with the extension work, this survey marked an important step in the expansion of dissemination activities in the village. The present report summarizes the findings of the survey and their usefulness in planning for further extension.

### **1.2 About the Village**

Dhanawas is a village in the Gurgaon district of Haryana state and is about 14 km from Gurgaon, the district headquarters. The nearest town, Faroukhnagar is 7 km away from the village.

As per the study conducted in 1987, the village consists of 144 families with a total population of over 1000. Majority of them are Ahirs with Harijans constituting only 10% of the population.

The village has only a primary school. Most of the children go to nearby villages for further education. While agriculture is the main occupation of the village, a number of people are in service in the nearby towns.

The houses in the village are mostly made of bricks or stone, though some are made of mud with thatched roofs. About 64% of the households have electric connections. The village gets piped water supply from a neighbouring village for limited hours every day. The nearest bank and post office are about three km away.

The village profile is summarized in Table 1.2.1.

Table 1.2.1: Profile of Village Dhanawas in 1987

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1. Identification

Village : Dhanawas	District : Gurgaon
Block : Faroukhnagar	State : Haryana

2. Demography

No. of households : 144	Population : 1006
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Occupation (hh) :

Agriculture	: 67	Labour	: 15
Service and Agriculture	: 25	Agriculture	
Service/self employment	: 33	and labour	: 4

Dwelling Type: Mostly of brick or stones with concrete with a few kutch houses

3. Services

Electricity : Grid supply for agriculture and domestic use with 91 domestic connections.

Water : Piped drinking water supply from a nearby village

Education: Primary school	Primary Health Centre: Nil
Post Office: 3 km away	Bank: Syndicate Bank, 3 km away

4. Animal Population

Buffaloes : 152	Goats : 5
Cows : 72	Camels : 3
Bullocks : 36	Poultry : 4175
Calves : 221	

5. Land

Type of soil: Sandy clay

Type of land (acres):

Cultivable : 682	Private Wasteland : 31
Forest : Nil	Panchayat Wasteland : 105
Land distribution among farmers (acres):	

Large : 452 (25 hh)	Small : 92 (25 hh)
Medium : 132 (19 hh)	Marginal: 41 (27 hh)

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**Table 1.2.1: Profile of Village Dhanawas in 1987 (Contd)**

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**6. Crops**

Rabi :

Total area cultivated: 611.4 acres

Percentage area under different crops:

Wheat : 41	Barley : 15
Mixed : 21	Gram : 6
Mustard : 17	

Kharif

Total area cultivated: 304.8 acres

Percentage area under crops:

Jwar (Sorghum) : 34	Bazra : 6
Guar : 23	Ground Nut : 2
Mixed : 21	

**7. Irrigation**

Land under : 682 acres                  Source : Ground water  
irrigation

Lifting devices:

Electric pumpsets : 63	Persian wheels : 3
Diesel pumpsets : 27	

**8. Fuels**

Non-commercial

Dung cakes	Guar stalks
Mustard stalks	Twigs

Commercial

Kerosene	Electricity
Wood	Diesel
LPG	

Note: hh - households

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### **1.3 Energy Development Needs**

Soon after adopting the village, primary level surveys were conducted to understand the current pattern of energy use in the village. To find out the seasonal changes in supply and consumption, two surveys were conducted: one in May-June, 1984 and the other in September-October, 1985. Both were census surveys conducted through village investigators (1,2).

The surveys identified the domestic and the agriculture sectors as the two main areas of energy consumption. The energy supply and demand in both these sectors was quantified with reference to various end-uses, fuel-sources and different economic categories.

In the domestic sector, biomass fuels for cooking accounted for more than 97% of domestic energy consumption (Table 1.3.1). For all the categories of households dungcake was found to be the main cooking fuel followed by crop residues (mainly mustard stalk). However, for the landless categories, share of non-biomass fuels was slightly higher than that for the other farmers. This was justified as the availability of crop residue was dependent on the land resource and landless households got the crop residue only in exchange for agricultural labour. Estimates of biomass availability also showed that marginal farmers and landless households were deficit in crop residues, whereas the large farmers had substantial amounts of surplus.

Medium and small farmers had only little surplus. Marginal and landless families were found to be deficit in cattle-dung as well.

Table 1.3.1: Monthly Household Energy Consumption Per Family According to Land-owned Classification

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Unit: 10 kcal

Farmers' category	Total energy consumed per hh (10 kCal)	Biomass fuels			Non-biomass fuels			Total		
		Dung cake	Firewood	Crop-residue	Coal	Kerosene	Electricity	Biomass	Non-Biomass	
		Logs	Twigs							
Large	3554.81 (60.57)	2153.43 (0.22)	7.92 (4.41)	156.67 (33.48)	1190.00	-	25.17 (0.71)	21.62 (0.61)	3508.02 (98.68)	46.79 (1.32)
Medium	3107.79 (72.15)	2242.20	-	-	807.69 (25.99)	-	42.73 (1.37)	15.17 (0.49)	3049.99 (98.14)	57.90 (1.86)
Small	2326.00 (53.30)	1239.73 (4.38)	101.79 (11.86)	275.79 (28.91)	672.50	-	19.13 (0.82)	17.02 (0.73)	2289.81 (98.45)	36.19 (1.55)
Marginal	2028.52 (55.93)	1134.44 (6.62)	-	134.29 (34.77)	705.00 (0.81)	16.49 (1.11)	22.59 (0.76)	15.39 (0.76)	1973.73 (97.32)	54.46 (2.68)
Landless	2117.52 (46.16)	977.36 (2.03)	43.08 (26.53)	561.70 (21.94)	464.69 (0.60)	12.75 (1.82)	38.54 (0.92)	19.40 (0.92)	2046.83 (96.66)	70.69 (3.34)
All	2473.59 (55.69)	1377.41 (1.44)	35.63 (12.42)	307.29 (28.17)	696.90 (0.31)	7.71 (1.23)	30.54 (0.73)	18.11 (0.73)	2417.23 (97.73)	56.36 (2.28)

Note: Figures in parentheses indicate percentages of the total.

hh = household

Source: (2)

Data on livestock showed that 90% of the households in the village were possessing cattle with an overall average of 3.5 cattleheads per household. For different categories of households this average varied widely from 6.6 for large farmers to 2.2 for landless households. Distribution of households according to livestock size

showed that about 65% households in the village possessed more than two cattleheads (Table 1.3.2).

Table 1.3.2: Distribution of Households According to Livestock Size

Cattle size (Range)	Number of households
Upto 2	28
2-4	50
4-6	20
6-8	5
8-10	2
Above 10	-
Total	105

Source: (2)

In agriculture, rabi and kharif were the two cropping seasons. Rabi was more important of the two with wheat, barley and mustard as the major crops. Guar, bajra and jwar were the main kharif crops.

Bulk of energy consumption in the agriculture sector was for water pumping (70%). The village had 60 electric and 15 diesel pumpsets. However, in terms of energy input, electricity had only a marginally higher share over diesel (Table 1.3.3). The other major energy use was in the land preparation. Diesel consumption in tractors accounted for more than 25% of energy consumed in this sector.

Table 1.3.3: Energy Input In Agriculture Sector,  
For Rabi

Activity/ source of energy	Unit	Quantity	Mcal	Percentage share
<b>Pumping</b>				
Electricity	kWhr	145428	125213	37
Diesel	lt.	13570	117157	35
Total			242370	
<b>Threshing</b>				
Electricity	kWhr	6640	5717	2
Diesel	lt.	150	1295	1
Total			7013	
<b>Tractor</b>				
Diesel	lt.	10136	87509	26
Total energy consumed in Rabi : 329879 Mcal (minus energy for threshing)				
Total area cropped : 513 acres				
Average energy consumption : 643 Mcal/acre				

Source: (2)

Among all the energy sources, contribution of cowdung is the highest (49%) followed by crop residue (25%). Among the activities, cooking and water heating together consume more than 86% of the total energy. Share of irrigation in the total energy consumption is only 5%.

Considering the current pattern of energy consumption, the main energy development needs of the village were identified to be increased energy supply, an improvement in quality of energy in use and energy conservation.

As cooking was the main energy consuming activity and low efficiency traditional devices were being used for

the purpose, there was a scope for energy conservation by promoting use of improved cookstoves. High livestock population and extensive use of cattle dung as fuel also offered a potential for use of biogas as a better quality cooking fuel with a more efficient use of dung. For increase in fuel supply, biomass development could be undertaken through plantations on wasteland and through agroforestry. Also the solar energy can be utilized for thermal application.

#### 1.4 Preliminary Dissemination

With the above requirements in view, following activities were initiated in the village on a demonstration basis.

- i) Development of an energy plantation on the Panchayat wasteland.

The energy plantation was started in July 1984 on 20 acres of Panchayat wasteland, with the objective of improving the fuelwood supply to the villagers and reclamation of the wasteland. The species planted included

1. Prosopis juliflora (Vilayati kikar)
2. Eucalyptus hybrid (Safeda)
3. Acacia nilotica (Kikar)
4. Dalbergia sissoo (Shisham)
5. Azadirachta indica (Neem)
6. Leucaena leucocephala (Subabul)
7. Albizzia lebbek (Kala siris)

Because of high salt content in the soil and water logging, the plantation did not show very encouraging results. Thus a fresh plantation was undertaken in a part of the land in February and July '87 with the following species.

1. Acacia nilotica var cupressiformis (Ramkanti babul)
2. Pongamia pinnata (Kanji)
3. Terminalia arjuna (Arjun)
4. Albizzia lebbek (Kala siris)
5. Syzygium cumini (Jamun)
6. Cassia siamea (Avaram)
7. Albizzia procera (Safed siris)
8. Dendrocalamus strictus (Bamboo)
9. Acacia auriculiformis
10. Albiozzia amara
11. Parkinsonia
12. Casuarina equisetifolia (Casuarina)

ii) Demonstration of energy saving devices viz.

- a) Solar cookers and solar water heaters
- b) Improved cookstoves
- c) Biogas plants

For introducing the solar technology, six box type solar cookers and two units of a TERI designed water heater were given on demonstration. Subsequently, a nocturnal water cooler and five units of another kind of solar water heater were also installed. None of these devices was found to be suitable for the village. Solar cookers

did not find much appeal in the village mainly because the area is not rice-eating. Out of six cookers given, only two cookers were used occasionally. Nocturnal water cooler, which had been installed in a place of common use, was discarded as nobody took the responsibility for taking care of it. It was not found to be very effective either. Its performance was similar to that of a mud pot.

Among the water heaters, one design performed satisfactorily. However, its maintenance requirement was quite high which was essentially taken care of by TERI professionals. The other kind of water heater did not give a satisfactory performance. The cost of these water heaters was also so high (about Rs. 1,000/-) that the villagers would not have bought them at a reasonable subsidy. Therefore, large scale dissemination of these devices was attempted.

As the conventional low-efficiency cookstoves were in use in the village, dissemination of improved cookstoves was also taken up. This programme included demonstration and dissemination of two kinds of improved chulhas (cookstoves): TARA - a portable metal chulha and Nada - a mud chulha with chimney. The metal stove TARA was given for demonstration first and later, it was put on sale at a subsidized price of Rs. 15/-. The chulha found a wide acclaim in the village and within eight months 96 chulhas were sold in the village.

For the mud chulha, Nada, a demonstration programme was carried out with construction of 10 chulhas for the interested households. Further dissemination was to be carried out if the response was favourable.

For introduction of the biogas technology, a family size fixed dome biogas plant (2 cu.m./day capacity) was constructed for an interested farmer. TERI provided a subsidy on the plant in addition to the Government subsidy. This was followed by construction of two more similar plants.

For about two years after the adoption of the village, the extension work was carried out mainly through informal interaction with the Sarpanch and villagers.

Later, it was considered desirable to form a body in the village which could help in more organized participation of the villagers in TERI's activities and could slowly take over the management of energy systems in the village. Thus, a Village Energy Development Committee was formed with five members from the village and two from TERI. This committee was to act as a forum for discussions and taking decisions on matters related to extension activities in Dhanawas. Committee members were expected to help TERI in taking up activities which could be useful to the village and in turn keep the villagers informed of TERI's work. A bank account was also started jointly in the name of the committee and TERI for depositing the money which could be gathered

from any energy activities in the village. The TARA chulhas were sold in the village through the committee. The money collected from their sale was put in the committee's account and was later used for installing a hand pump in the village temple. The committee members also helped in the selection of households for installation of biogas plants and solar water heaters.

At this stage, when some of the energy technologies had been demonstrated in the village and the villagers had started responding to them, a need was felt to assess the impact of extension activities carried out till then and gauge the potential for their expansion. As a number of TARA chulhas had been sold in the village, it was desired to get a feedback from the users. For Nada chulha and biogas technologies, potential for further dissemination was to be assessed. Though Village Energy Development Committee had been formed for greater involvement of the villagers in our activities, it was considered essential for the TERI professionals to have a direct contact with the households and get a perspective of the needs perceived by them. Thus emerged the need for the TERI professionals to conduct a house-to-house survey themselves.

## 2. THE ACTIVITY IMPACT AND USER NEED SURVEY

In view of the nature of information to be collected, the survey planned for the purpose was termed as the "Activity Impact and User Need Survey" (AIUN Survey). As it was being undertaken after the initiation of extension activities and was related directly to the extension work, the survey was considered as the second level survey in contrast to the first level surveys which addressed themselves mainly to the existing pattern of energy consumption.

### 2.1 Objectives of the Survey

The specific objectives of the AIUN survey were identified as follows:

- i) To assess the potential for dissemination of various technologies.
- ii) To determine the extent of utilization of technologies already disseminated.
- iii) To collect specific information about resource base necessary for dissemination of technologies.
- iv) To assess the needs and energy related problems of the people.
- v) To interact with the individual households and make them aware of TERI's activities.
- vi) To get the opinion of people on TERI's activities.

## **2.2 Methodology**

The survey was to be conducted by the TERI professionals covering all the households in the village. It was planned to contact both men and women for the required information. To ensure that each household was aware of TERI's activities, it was decided to give them brief write-ups at the time of conducting the survey.

### **2.2.1 Questionnaire**

The questionnaire was designed keeping in view the objectives of AIUN survey and areas of TERI's interest. The questionnaire was prepared in the local language Hindi. It was divided into two separate parts for men and women. Men's part of the questionnaire covered the following:

- i) General information about the family: This included number of members in the household in various age-groups, annual income, land owned and the devices installed by TERI in that household.
- ii) Biogas technology: This section covered the financial resources, cattle population, land availability and willingness of the household to install a biogas plant.
- iii) Agriculture: This covered the following:
  - a) Information about the crops grown at different times of the year, irrigation and fertilizer requirements of each crop and details about

- leaving the land fallow.
- b) Willingness of the farmers to practice agroforestry i.e. plantation of trees along with the crop, and whether they perceived the need for a nursery in the village.
  - c) Details of any wasteland owned by the household and their inclination to spend time and money for its reclamation.
- iv) **Pumpsets:** This included information on the type, make, horsepower and year of purchase of the pumpsets owned by the household as also area irrigated by it and annual expenditure on its operation and maintenance. As it was intended to take-up a project on improvement of pumpset efficiency, questions on whether they are planning to buy a new pumpset or get the old one repaired, were also incorporated.
- v) **Crop residues:** In this section, the amount of different crop residues available and their use was to be ascertained. This was to determine the possibility of alternative uses of surplus biomass.
- vi) **Employment/training:** Here information was obtained about the occupation of the male members of the households, their qualification and whether they will be interested in getting training in

maintaining/installing any of the technologies being introduced by TERI or help TERI in its activities in the village.

vii) Awareness about TERI's activities: This section was included to find out the extent of awareness among the villagers about the Village Energy Development Committee and their willingness to involve themselves in TERI's activities through the committee. Questions were also incorporated to determine if they had any specific expectations from TERI as regards their needs and problems.

Women's part dealt with the following:

- i) General information about family: This mainly covered the number of females in different age groups. This information was included in women's part so that the investigators could know if there are any girls/women in the household in the suitable age-group who could be potential trainees or helpers in our activities.
- ii) Improved Cookstoves: This included response of the users to both the cookstoves - TARA as well as Nada. For those who did not have one or both the chulhas, questions were framed to determine their willingness to have them and if they were unwilling, reasons for the same were also to be found.

- iii) Biogas technology: Here number of cattleheads in a family, where they were kept in different seasons and willingness of the womenfolk to have a biogas plant were to be determined.
- iv) Cooking fuels: This was to establish the availability of different biomass fuels in different seasons and to find out if the household had any problem in any season in getting the fuel.
- v) Employment/training: This was mainly to find out the potential trainees for Nada chulha construction.
- vi) Awareness about TERI's activities: As in the men's part, questions in this section pertained to the awareness of the households about TERI's activities and the Village Energy Development Committee.

The questionnaire did not include any queries related to solar devices as the past experience showed that these devices did not have any significant potential in the village. Before finalizing the questionnaire, it was circulated among the committee members of the village for comments. No concrete suggestions came to us.

English version of the questionnaire is given in Appendix I.

### **2.2.2 Write-ups**

In order to increase the awareness of the villagers about TERI's work, write-ups were prepared to be given to the villagers during the survey. They were written in Hindi and consisted of the details of various activities undertaken by TERI with their advantage and relevance to the village. Information about the following was covered in the write-ups.

- i) The Village Energy Development Committee
- ii) TARA chulha
- iii) Nada chulha
- iv) Biogas
- v) Agroforestry
- vi) Wasteland development

As it had been decided not to disseminate solar devices any more, no write-ups were prepared on them. Appendix II gives the English version of the write-ups.

### **2.2.3 Identification of Households**

The first level surveys were based on the census list according to which there were 127 households in the village. However, the census list did not consider division of families within the household and consequent existence of separate kitchens in the same house (The term 'kitchen' is used here as a separate cooking infrastructure and not necessarily a physical

structure). There could also have been divisions of land after the last census. As each family with a separate kitchen was a potential household for cookstoves and biogas plants, for the AIUN survey a new list was prepared considering each family cooking separately as one household. A map of the village corresponding to these households was also prepared with local assistance for easy identification of houses during the survey.

A total of 154 households were identified during the mapping stage. However, during the actual survey, five households were found to be repeated. Hence finally 149 kitchens were identified in the village. Out of these 5 families were cooking separately but their property i.e. land and cattle was combined with that of parent farmers. Thus from the consideration of land-owned, there were 144 households in the village. Appendix III gives the village map along with the list of households.

#### **2.2.4 Method of Conducting the Survey**

One of the main aims of AIUN survey was to have a direct contact with the villagers so as to make them aware of TERI's activities and motivate them for participating in them. Hence, it had been decided to conduct the survey through TERI staff members with some local assistance.

A team of TERI professionals stayed in the village for a week to conduct the survey. Two village boys and a girl were hired for assistance during the survey.

The methodology adopted was as follows:

- i) Each TERI professional with a village assistant constituted one survey group. A copy of the village map with households numbered and the corresponding household list was given to each surveyor for reference. Every evening, the households to be covered by each surveyor on the next day, were identified by the corresponding numbers.
- ii) Men's and women's parts of the questionnaire were filled up separately. While the survey groups with male members of TERI staff covered men's section, the women's section was handled by the female staff members.
- iii) The surveyors visited each household and filled in the questionnaire in accordance with the answers given by the respondent. While for men's part, efforts were made to record the responses of the household head, for women's part care was taken to get the responses from a responsible female member of the family. For the section on employment, the members above the age of 16 were contacted individually or else necessary information was

obtained through other family members.

- iv) At the time of conducting the survey, a copy of the write-ups was given to the male members of the family besides oral explanation of the activities. For women, information about TERI's chulha and biogas programmes and the Village Energy Development Committee was given verbally. The literate women were also encouraged to read the write-ups given to the men folk.

The village assistants mainly helped in physically identifying the houses corresponding to the map and the household list. At the time of the survey, harvesting of crops was going on. Thus in the day time most of the people were available in the fields. The assistants were of great help in going to the respective fields. Their presence facilitated a better communication with the households.

It had also been planned to find out in advance the availability of the respondents in households to be covered in a day. The village assistants were to do that every evening, so that the time-scheduling could be done for the next day. However, as most of the household members were available at home early in the morning or late in the evening due to peak agricultural activity, the investigators could meet them either in

the fields during the day or at home in the evenings. In the morning they were generally too busy to respond to the questionnaires.

### 2.3 Data Analysis

As the information collected during the survey was both qualitative and quantitative, it was considered desirable to analyze the data manually. This also helped in later clarifying some the information collected in specific households.

First an economic classification of all the households was carried out. The analysis for all the sections was done with respect to the economic classification. As the response of the households had been recorded by the TERI professionals, the data did not have many inconsistencies. In case of discrepancy, the information was rechecked from the household, if possible. This was particularly true for the data on pumpsets where two or more households were found to be sharing a pumpset. Some data was obtained at more than one place in the questionnaire. Any disparity in such cases was taken care of by considering the data which seemed more reliable and logical.

### **3. ACTIVITY IMPACT AND USER NEED SURVEY - RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS**

As indicated earlier, Activity Impact and User Need Survey had been undertaken to collect information needed for further extension in the village. This information could be classified into four main categories: the resource base, potential for energy development activities, training and employment potential and general response of villagers towards TERI's activities. First all the households in the village were classified with respect to their occupation and economic status. The data collected under different sections was then analyzed with reference to the different economic categories.

#### **3.1 Classification of Households**

It was considered essential to classify all the village households into economic categories as the strategies adopted for any dissemination programme largely depended on the economic status of the beneficiaries. Further, it was considered desirable to identify the economically weaker households in the village as against economically well-off ones to ensure that they also benefit from our programmes.

Classification of the households is commonly done either on the basis of land-holdings or the income declared by the households. However, neither of these two criteria can, by itself, truly represent the economic status of

the family due to the following reasons:

1. Experience shows that income figures as given by the farmers are not reliable.
2. The classification based on land-holdings does not account for the fact that a number of landless people are in service or are self-employed and hence may not be economically backward. In farmer families as well, some members may be in service and thus adding to the income.

To overcome the above shortcomings and in order to arrive at a more realistic economic classification, it was decided to consider both the income and the landholdings. Income from agriculture (which is a seasonal income) as reported by the household was found to be quite unrealistic (in most of the cases it was given to be too low), whereas figures of income from the more regular sources like service, business or masonry etc. were more reliable. Thus it was decided to make two broad categories of the households: i) households having agriculture as the only occupation and ii) households in service or self-employed with or without any land holdings. The households in the first category were classified further on the basis of land holding. In the second category, classification was done considering the land holding and the income from occupations other than agriculture. Finally classification in both the categories was combined to

identify the economically well-off and weaker sections in the village.

**Category 1:** This included only those households which had agriculture as the only occupation (considering the household head only). To classify the households in this category, greater of the following was considered:

- i) Cultivable land owned by any household
- ii) Land being cultivated by that household (land being cultivated = owned + leased in - leased out)

This was done to take into account the income from land taken on lease, waste land was not considered as it was not providing them any income at that moment. Table 3.1.1 gives the classification of farmers in this category.

In the household list based on the separate kitchen, 72 families of farmers came under this category. However 5 of them were cultivating land with their fathers. Thus with land as the basis, 67 households were identified in this category.

**Category 2:** This category of households were in service, were self-employed (businessmen/artisans) or were doing labour with or without any land-holdings. Here the classification was based on the cultivable land owned or under cultivation, whichever was greater and the declared income from sources other than agriculture. Households were grouped under different combinations of

Table 3.1.1: Classification in Category 1

Type of household	Cultivable land owned/under cultivation	No. of households
Large Farmers	> 10 acres	25
Medium farmers	5-10 acres	17
Small Farmers	2.5-5 acres	14
Marginal Farmers	up to 2.5 acres	11
Total		67

Note: The interval includes the upper limit but not the lower limit.

Table 3.1.2: Classification in Category 2

Land owned Under cultivation (acre)	No. of households						Total No. of hh
	0	<1	1-2.5	2.5-5	5-10	>10	
<b>Annual Income (Rs.)</b>							
< 500	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
500-1,000	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
1,000-2,000	8	1	3	-	-	-	12
2,000-5,000	15	-	2	1	-	-	18
5,000-10,000	12	6	2	2	-	-	22
> 10,000	11	1	3	7	1	-	23
Total	48	8	10	10	1	-	77

Note: The interval includes the upper limit but not the lower limit

hh = household

annual income from the sources and land owned/under cultivation (Table 3.1.2). In Category 2, as many as 29 households (20% of total number of households) had other occupations besides agriculture. Even among landless people, a significant number belonged to the medium or higher income groups (annual income > Rs. 5,000).

To combine the two classifications into single one, economically well-off and economically weaker sections were identified in both the categories.

In category 1, small and marginal farmers (with land holdings up to 5 acres) were considered as economically weaker whereas large and medium farmers were identified as economically well-off.

In category 2, the households falling within the marked boundaries in Table 3.1.2 were identified as economically weaker i.e. those with no land holdings or land holding up to 1 acre and an annual income of up to Rs. 5,000 and those with land holdings up to 2.5 acres and an annual income of up to Rs. 2,000. In the final classification, the households were grouped into the two broad categories of economically well-off and economically weaker sections. Table 3.1.3 summarizes the final classification. This way a total of 54 households (35% of the total families in the village) were identified as economically weaker.

**Table 3.1.3: Classification of Households into Economically well-off and weaker sections**

Economic Category	Type of household	Total No. of hh
Economically Well-off	Large farmers	25
	Medium farmers	17
	Farmers with additional occupation	25
	Landless households in service/ self-employment	23
Economically Weaker	Small/marginal farmers	25
	Farmers with additional occupation	4
	Landless households in service/ self-employment/ labour	25
Total		144

hh = household

### **3.2 Resource Base**

This covers the data on livestock, domestic fuels and agricultural resources.

#### **3.2.1 Livestock Particulars**

Data on livestock was to be collected mainly for assessing the biogas potential. In this section the information on livestock is presented and its correlation with biogas potential is dealt with in the section on biogas.

Though information on household-wise cattle population was available even from the earlier surveys, in this survey more detailed information was sought on the variation of cattle population.

#### **Livestock Distribution**

Table 3.2.1 gives the distribution of different types of livestock among different categories of households. Average number of cow equivalents per family given in the last column of the table was calculated by converting all the animals into their cow equivalents on the basis of dung availability. This was done by finding out the dung availability from an animal (Table 3.2.2) and dividing it by the dung obtained from an average cow. Most of the cattle in Dhanawas is stallfed. Thus the dung collection efficiency was taken as 100%. Camels, goats and poultry were not included in the calculation determined this way, is a better

representative of biogas potential than the average number of adult animals.

Table 3.2.1: Distribution of Different Types of Livestock among Different Household Categories

Economic Category	Type of household	No. of hh	No. of hh owning cattle	Cows	Buff	Bull	Calves	Camel	Goat	Poultry	Avg. No. of cow equivalents per family
Economically Well-off	Large farmers	25	24	21	34	17	62	-	-	-	6.1
	Medium farmers	17	16	7	25	10	28	1	-	-	4.8
	Farmers with additional occupation	25	24	11	28	1	38	-	-	-	3.4
	Landless households in service/ self-employment	23	16	8	15	-	20	-	-	4000	2.0
Economically Weaker	Small/marginal farmers	25	23	11	26	8	30	-	-	-	3.4
	Farmers with additional occupation	4	4	1	4	-	5	1	-	-	2.8
	Landless households in service/ self-employment/ labour	25	22	11	19	-	32	1	5	175	2.6
Total		144	129	70	151	36	215	3	5	4175	3.6

hh = household

\* One household did not respond.

Buff = Buffaloes, Bull = Bullocks

**Table 3.2.2: Daily dung Availability from different animals**

Cow : 10 kg	Calf : 8 kg
Buffalo : 15 kg	Poultry : 60 kg
Bullock : 15 kg	

Source: Ref [3].

The average number of cow equivalents was found to be increasing with the land holdings. Most of the households which did not own cattle belonged to the land less category. In Table 3.2.3, family-wise distribution of number of cattle-heads is given. The table shows number of cow-equivalents owned by different families in each category.

#### **Variation in livestock population**

Experience in the village prior to the survey had shown that the number of cattle heads owned by a family keeps on fluctuating. One of the important objectives of this survey was to establish the pattern of sale and purchase of livestock and the variation in cattle-population for each category of households.

A comparison between the livestock population of the village as per the data of May, 1984 and March, 1987 showed a wide variation in the number of different animals (Table 3.2.4). Though the number of all other animals decreased from 1984 to 1987, there was such a substantial increase (124%) in the number of buffalo calves that it led to an overall increase in the cattle

**Table 3.2.3: No. of Families with the Given Number of Cow Equivalents**

Economic Category	Type of household	No. of Cow Equivalents						Total No. of hh
		0	<2	2-4	4-6	6-8	8-10	
Economically Well-off	Large farmers	-	-	4	7	8	4	1 24*
	Medium farmers	1	-	6	4	4	2	- 17
	Farmers with additional occupation	1	5	11	5	3	-	- 25
	Landless households in service/ self-employment	7	4	10	2	-	-	- 23
Economically Weaker	Small/marginal farmers	2	5	9	7	1	1	- 25
	Farmers with additional occupation	-	1	3	-	-	-	- 4
	Landless households in service/ self-employment/ labour	3	9	9	2	2	-	- 25
Total		14	24	52	27	18	7	1 143

hh: household

\* One household did not respond.

The intervals include the upper limit but not the lower limit.

population of the village. The decrease in number of buffaloes was only marginal (3%) as compared to that of cows (21%) and bullocks (37%). The data collected in 1985 shows that the total cattle population was found actually fluctuating during 1984-87. By the data of

September '85, the total cattle population was 406 against a figure of 436 as per the May '84 data. In March '87 it had increased to 474. However, another set of data collected in April '88 shows a decline to 432. The decrease from March '87 to April '88 was marked by a decrease in the number of cows, buffaloes as well as bullocks. There was only a marginal increase in the number of cow and buffalo calves.

Table 3.2.4: Comparison of Livestock Population in May, 1984 and March, 1987

Animals	No. in May 1984	No. in March 1987	Percent change over 1984
Cows	89	70	- 21
Buffaloes	151	148	- 3
Bullocks	57	36	- 37
Cow Calves	71	69	- 3
Buffalo calves	68	152	+124
Camels	Nil	3	-
Goats	50	5	- 90
Poultry	1000	4175	+318
Total cattle	436	475	+ 9

To determine the pattern of variation in cattle-population within a year, questions had been included to find out if the households sold or purchased the cattle at any specific times of the year. However, response of

the households showed that the trading of cattle was done throughout the year. Through discussions with some of them, it was found that sale/purchase of livestock depended on the household's requirement, fodder availability and the market price. An animal may be sold if it is fetching a good price and a new one bought soon. The trading was either done through personal contacts or the melas occasionally held at nearby places.

As there was no pattern in the trading of animals, it was not possible to determine the actual variation in cattle population of a family from a single survey. It was thus decided to collect data on cattle population of each household every two to three months. The data was collected by a village girl. It included the number of different animals currently owned by the household and the animals sold or bought by the household since the time of last data collection. The reasons for the sale, if any, were also asked.

It was found that many households did not report sale or purchase of animals whereas the actual population of different animals showed variation from the previous data. Sometimes an animal was reported to be sold in one month whereas animal population data showed that the same had been done prior to the previous data collection. Thus the responses of the households to questions on sale and purchase of livestock were not

very reliable. Number of animals sold or bought during a given period was, therefore, found from the difference in the actual livestock population reported. Any increase in the number of calves was considered to be due to the birth of a new one. If there was a decrease in the number of calves and simultaneous increase in the number of the corresponding adults, it was assumed that some of the animals reported as calves in the previous month had now been reported as adults.

This method of data collection and analysis has its limitations. It did not take into account the death of an animal. It also considered any possible purchase of a calf (if not reported by the household) as the birth of a calf. Any simultaneous sale of a calf and purchase of the corresponding adult was also not counted in the sale and purchase. However, there were not many instances of this kind and thus the error involved could be ignored. If a more accurate data is required questions on the birth of calves and death of an animal should also be incorporated. To have a greater reliability of the responses on sale and purchase, it can be helpful if at the time of data collection itself, the previous data is referred to and the household asked to explain the change in animal population, if there is any.

Reasons for sale of cattle could not be ascertained from this data. Most of the households, who reported sale of

animals did not give any reason for it. Only in a few cases shortage of fodder was given as the reason for selling an animal.

It had been earlier decided to collect the data once a month starting from July 1987. However, it was found that the villagers did not like to be questioned too frequently. Two of the households, at times, refused to respond to the investigator (the village girl). Thus, the frequency of data collection was subsequently decreased.

Tables 3.2.5 and 3.2.6 summarize the results of this series of data on livestock population collected till June 1988.

Table 3.2.5 shows a steady decline in the total cattle population of the village. From March '87 to June '88 there was a 12% decrease in the total number of cattle. However, the population of different animals (particularly bullocks) shows variation on both positive and negative sides. From March '87 to July '87, there is an increase in the number of bullocks, which could be attributed to the cultivation period of kharif. The number declined again in December 1987 after the ploughing for rabi crop. By February 1988 when ploughing operations were completely over, the figure came down drastically. As can be seen in Table 3.2.6, between August '87 and February '88 as many as 30

bullocks were sold and only one bullock was bought. As expected, the number of bullocks went up again in April and June '88 i.e. the ploughing period for kharif. However, it can be seen that while in July '87 there were 45 bullocks in the village, in June '88 there were only 26. This indicates a shift towards mechanization.

Data analysis with respect to economic categories shows that between March '87 and June '88 there was a 35% decrease in bullocks owned by large farmers and 50% decrease in case of medium farmers. The number of bullocks owned by small and marginal farmers was found to be same in March '87 and June '88. This is because small and marginal farmers cannot opt for tractors. The large farmers were also found to be selling off their bullocks through out the year showing a steady shift towards mechanization while other categories of farmers sold them depending on the agriculture season.

The population of cows shows a significant decrease from March to July '87 after which it is more or less steady. The decrease after March can be attributed to the drought period of 1987. Table 3.2.6 shows that quite a high number of cows were sold during this period and very few were bought. The number of cows sold and bought was found to be lowest during July-August '87 and significantly high during August - December '87. This could be due to the small interval of data collection in

**Table 3.2.5: Variation in No. of Animals in the Village between March'87 and June' 88.**

Animal	March 87	July 87	Aug 87	Dec. 87	Feb. 88	April 88	June 88
Cows	70	54	55	51	48	54	50
Buffaloes	148	133	130	123	119	119	124
Bullocks	36	45	45	32	16	21	26
Cow Calves							
Male	19	30	20	25	17	25	28
Female	50	46	52	40	61	54	43
Buffalo Calves							
Male	20	29	27	38	44	34	28
Female	132	125	132	142	138	126	117
Camels	3	3	3	2	2	2	2
Goats	5	6	1	-	15	5	7
Poultry	4175	4494	1172	1006	2003	1018	1003
Total							
Cattle	475	462	461	451	443	433	416

Buff = Buffalo

**Table 3.2.6: Number of Animals Sold or Bought During March '87 and June '88**

Animal	March' 87- July' 87-	Aug' 87-	Dec' 87-	Feb' 88-	April' 88-	
	July' 87	Aug' 87	Dec' 87	Feb' 87	Apr' 88	June' 88
	*	*				
	S	B	S	B	S	B
Cows	23	7	5	6	13	9
Buffaloes	24	9	11	8	29	22
Bullocks	2	11	2	2	13	17
Cow Calves M	7	18	10	-	6	11
F	18	14	3	9	20	8
Buffalo Calves M	11	20	8	6	18	29
F	28	21	10	17	24	34

\* S = Sold

B = Bought/Born

the former and a larger interval in the latter case. During February-April, '88 very few cows were sold and a relatively higher number bought. However to conclusively find out whether this was typical of this season, data for more than a year is needed.

No pattern of sale and purchase was observed with respect to the economic categories. However, from March '87 to June '88, the decrease in number of cows was found to be highest (62%) for the economically well off category of landless households, while for other categories it varied from 0 to 38%.

Buffalo population also showed a marked decrease during March-July '87. After that too, there was a steady decline till February '88. Between March '87 and June '88, there was a 16% decrease in total buffalo population of the village. However, large, marginal and small farmers showed a marginal increase in the number of buffaloes. In case of economically well-off farmers with additional occupation, the number has been steadily decreasing. Instances of both sale and purchase of buffaloes was found to be high for large, marginal and small farmers. Consequently the total number of buffaloes showed less variation over a period. In other categories, instances of sale were found to be more than that of purchase. In case of the well-off landless households, who showed maximum decrease in cow population, the buffalo population decreased till August

but remained steady thereafter.

Calves of cows and buffaloes were found to constitute more than 45% of the total cattle population. The number of female buffalo calves was the highest followed by female cow calves. Population of all kinds of calves showed a variation during March '87 to June '88.

Data indicates a high fluctuation in the number of goats and poultry in the village. Goats, which were found to be owned by some of the economically weaker households, were sold and bought quite frequently. Informal discussions revealed that goat rearing was subject to availability of a person in the household who could take them out for grazing.

There were two poultry farms in the village. The number of hens (and chicken) in one of the farms, which had 4000 hens earlier dropped drastically in August '87. It went up again in winter when there is a greater demand for eggs, but by summer, it came down by almost 50%.

The variation in total cattle population owned by different economic categories during March '87 and June '88 is given in Table 3.2.7. It can be seen that from March to July '87 except one category of households all others show a decrease in the cattle population. As indicated earlier, it was mainly because of the drought during that time. Only small and marginal farmers show an increase in the cattle owned due to purchase of

bullocks during that time and also an increase in the number of female buffalo calves.

**Table 3.2.7 Periodical Variation in the Total Cattle Owned by Economic Categories**

Economic Category	Type of household	March '87	July '87	Aug '87	Dec. '87	Feb. '88	April '88	June '88
Economically Well-off	Large farmers	133	132	136	136	133	133	124
	Medium farmers	70	66	68	63	59	56	52
	Farmers with additional occupation	78	71	67	66	62	60	59
	Landless households in service/ self-employment	44	38	36	33	32	30	29
Economically Weaker	Small/marginal farmers	79	93	93	89	90	88	85
	Farmers with additional occupation	10	9	8	11	11	12	11
	Landless households in service/ self-employment/ labour	61	53	53	53	54	54	56
	Total	475	462	461	451	443	433	416

In the economically well-off category, farmers who had additional occupation and the landless households show a steady decline in the cattle owned. For medium farmers also, the number declines after August '87. However in the economically weaker sections there is a fluctuation

in the cattle owned. Variation is the least for the landless households in this category.

Table 3.2.8 gives the total number of cattle bought or sold by all the households in a given category during March '87-June '88. This throws a light on the extent of trading of animals in the village. Large farmers who owned the highest number of cattle also accounted for the highest number of purchases and sales. For most of the categories the extent of sale and purchase had a relation with the total number of cattle owned by them. However small and marginal farmers who owned about 16% of the cattle accounted for 26% of the purchases and 18% of the sales during the given period.

#### Dung Availability

From the point of view of biogas, besides livestock population, it was important to assess the dung availability from these animals. One of the important factors affecting this is the location of these animals, i.e. in fields or at home. If all the animals are not usually kept at one place, the net dung availability for a biogas plant would be less. In case of bullocks, it is also possible that in the ploughing season the animals are partly kept in the field and partly at home. Considering these aspects, the questions were framed to find out in a particular season, which animals stayed where during what part of the day. However during the actual survey, such a format was not found to

Table 3.2.8: Extent of Sale, Purchase of Cattle by Different Economic Categories

Economic Category	Type of household	Cattle Owned	Purchase of Adult Cattle	Sale of Cattle	
		In March 87	March '87-June '88	March '87-June '88	
		No.	Percent of total cattle	Percent of total cattle	Percent of total cattle
Economically Well-off	Large farmers	133	28.0	43	27.2
	Medium farmers	70	14.7	18	11.4
	Farmers with additional occupation	78	16.4	18	11.4
	Landless households in service/ self-employment	44	9.3	10	6.3
Economically Weaker	Small/marginal farmers	79	16.6	41	26.0
	Farmers with additional occupation	10	2.1	4	2.5
	Landless households in service/ self-employment/ labour	61	12.9	24	15.2
	Total	475	100.0	158	100.0
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hh = household					
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be very useful. In most of the cases, all the animals were kept at home through out the year. 18 households were staying in the fields and keeping their cattle there all the time. Only five households reported taking all the cattle to the fields in rainy season. Out of these three were doing so in summer as well.

Four households owning bullocks were keeping them in fields only during the rainy season. Only two households reported keeping bullocks in fields throughout the year while rest of the cattle was kept at home.

The other important factor in dung collection efficiency is the cattle feeding practices . Dung available from cattle generally taken for grazing would be considerably less than that obtained from stallfed cattle. It had been generally seen that in Dhanawas most of the cattle was stallfed. Thus during the survey, no direct questions were asked regarding the cattle feeding practices. However, in response to the questions of location of the animals, some households had reported taking them to the fields in the rainy and summer seasons. This was understood to be for grazing. Observations after the survey and discussions with the villagers also showed that in rainy season and after harvesting, some of the households took the cattle out for grazing in common lands or to their own fields. Some landless labourers took cattle for grazing even in other seasons but mainly in those days when they did not find a job. Still, it could not be ascertained what percentage of households took cattle out for grazing seasonally. Even those households who reported that their cattle was at home or in fields throughout the year might be leaving their cattle for grazing for some

time during the year. They might not have indicated so, as the questions were not directly related to cattle feeding. For a better understanding of seasonal variation in cattle-feeding practices, suitable questions need to be incorporated.

### 3.2.2 Cooking Fuels

It was established from the first level survey that domestic sector is the major energy consuming sector in the village and that collecting and/or preparation of fuel for cooking is one of the major activities of the village women. Though information was available on the different types of fuels used for cooking, the seasonal pattern of their use and extent of shortage did not emerge from these surveys.

Hence, for a better understanding of the consumption pattern of various fuels, in the AIUN survey following data was obtained:

- 1) Various fuels used by the households in different seasons.
- 2) Their modes of availability.
- 3) Problems faced, if any.

Information sought was only qualitative in nature. No attempt was made to get any quantitative data as that would have involved elaborate measurements. The main emphasis here was not on the amount of the different fuels used but on what fuels were used in different seasons by different categories of households and if the

households perceived shortage of fuel in any season.

In this section each family cooking separately was considered as a household. Thus 149 households were identified. As one large farmer did not respond, information was available for 148 families.

The information obtained on the use of different fuels is as follows:

### 1) Dungcakes

Dungcake was found to be one of the major cooking fuels used in Dhanawas. It was mainly used in Hara - the mud chulha primarily used for simmering milk and also for preparing cattle feed and heating water. Owing to its slow-burning characteristics, dungcake did not seem to be having any substitute for simmering the milk. Dungcakes were made by mixing crop residues like wheat straw with cattle dung. If no crop residue was available, only dung was made into cakes. Though dung was available throughout the year, dungcakes were made only in summer and winter. In rainy season dung was put into the manure pit. In peak summer, that is in the month of June also dungcakes were not made. This was because a particular insect spoils the bottom surface of the cake while they are being dried on mud floor. This problem was not there if the cakes were dried on cement floor. For use throughout the year dungcakes were stored in a mud-structure called the bitola.

Most of the households used the dung from their own cattle. Those who did not own cattleheads either collected dung from roadside or fields or purchased dungcakes from other households.

All the categories of households, were found to be using dungcakes in all the three seasons (Fig. 3.2.1). All the large farmers for whom data was collected (for one household information was not available) were found to be using dung cakes in summer and winter, so was the case with economically well-off farmers with additional occupation. In rainy season there was a marginal decline in the number of families using dungcakes. The households not using dungcakes in either season mainly belonged to the landless class (both economically well-off and economically weaker).

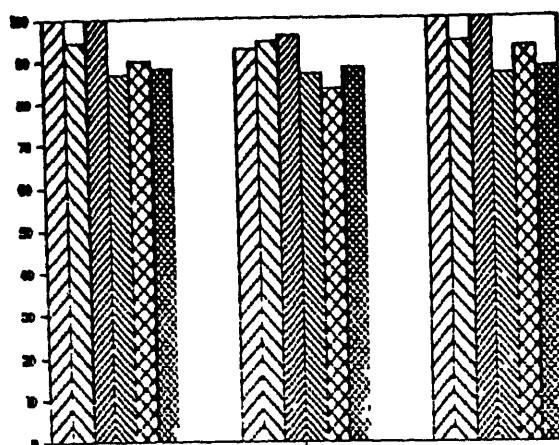
## 2) Mustard Stalk

Mustard being one of the major rabi crops, its contribution to domestic energy sector was found to be quite high. Mustard stalk was the only crop residue used by most of the households for a large part of the year. As mustard stalks burn at a higher rate than the dungcakes they were primarily used for making rotis in the mud chulha.

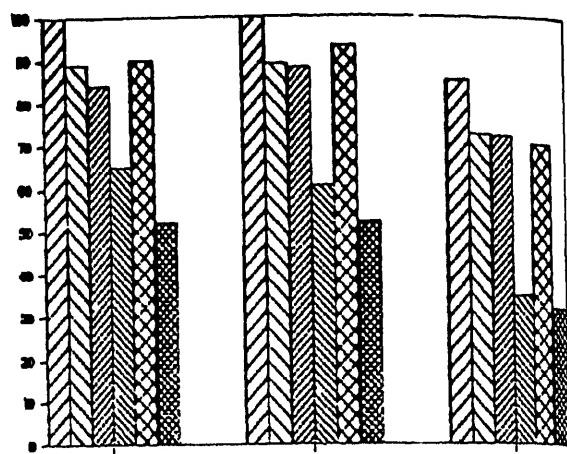
The landless households and those who did not cultivate mustard got the residue in exchange for labour. It was a prevalent practice in the village that the person who

**Fig 3.2.1 : USE OF VARIOUS FUELS BY  
BY DIFFERNT ECONOMIC CATEGORIES**

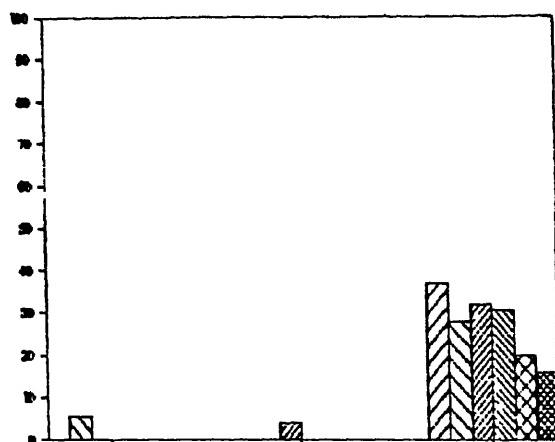
**Fig 3.2.Ia) : USE OF DUNG CAKE**



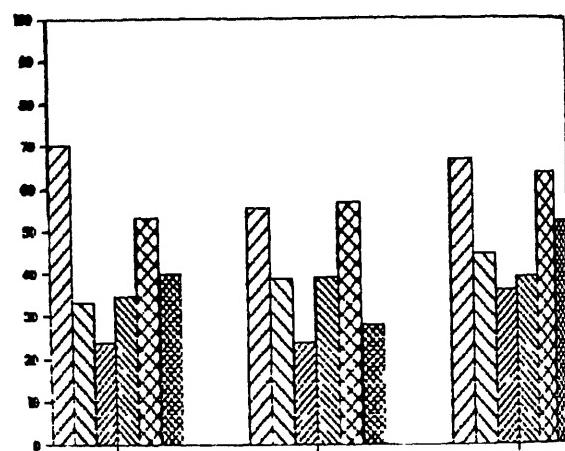
**Fig 3.2.Ib) : USE OF MUSTARD STALK**



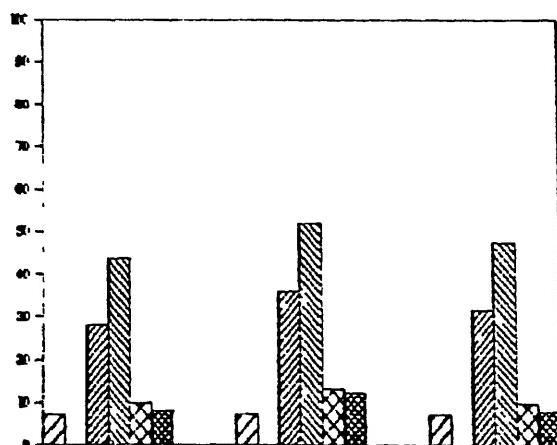
**Fig 3.2.Ic) : USE OF GUAR STALK**



**Fig 3.2.Id) : USE OF WOOD**



**Fig 3.2.Ie) : USE OF KEROSENE**



- ◻ Large farmers (EWO)
  - ◻ Medium farmers (EWO)
  - ◻ Farmers with additional occupation (EWO)
  - ◻ Landless households (EWO)
  - ▣ Small & Marginal farmers with or without additional occupation (EWS)
  - ▣ Landless households (EWS)
- EWO - Economically Well Off  
EWS - Economically Weaker Section

harvested the crop was allowed to take that part of mustard stalks which was harvested by him or her.

Mustard stalk was mainly available in the summer after harvesting of mustard in March-April. Fig. 3.2.1 shows that all the families of large farmers were using mustard stalk in summer and rainy seasons. Among the landless class, a significant percentage of people were not using mustard stalk. In the economically backward landless category, as many as 50% of the households did not have access to mustard stalk.

In the rainy season the picture remained more or less the same. A few households in the service class reported use of mustard stalk in rainy season but not in winter. Apparently it was done to save the stalk for rainy season.

As the stock of mustard stalk started depleting by winter, the number of households using this residue was found to be less in this season. However, most of the farmers' families were found to be having stock even in winter. Those farmers who cultivated mustard in less area fell short of it. Among the landless class, only about 30% families had some stock till winter.

The landless households had a constraint of storage space too. As they had to get the stalk home immediately after harvesting, they could store only limited amounts. Farmers, on the other hand, normally

stacked the stalk in their fields and got it home periodically. Due to this they could store more stalk.

### 3) Guar Stalk

Guar is a kharif crop and its residue is available for use in winter. Due to less area under cultivation in kharif season, in Dhanawas guar stalks were not available in very large quantities. Most of the households used it as a fuel though a few large farmers left the stalks in the fields. As fuel, guar stalks mainly served as a substitute for mustard stalks in winter. In all only 27% of the families in the village were found to be using this fuel (Fig. 3.2.1). In the economically weaker landless category only 15% households reported use of guar.

### 4) Other Crop Residues

Two households reported the use of bajra stalks as fuel in winter. Chana stalk was also found to be used by one household. Both bajra and chana are kharif crops.

### 5) Wood

This includes commercial fuelwood as well as non commercial wood i.e. twigs etc. Twigs were collected either from trees in the fields, or from those on the roadside or nearby plantations. Collection of twigs by women was quite common in the village. Some of the households also bought commercially available fuelwood from Faroukhnagar, the nearest town at a distance of 7

km from the village. In the large farmer category, highest percentage of families reported use of wood in summer and winter (Fig. 3.2.1). Economically well-off farmers with additional occupation were found to be using wood the least. In all 12 families were buying commercial fuelwood, most of which were landless.

#### 6) Kerosene

Kerosene was also bought from Faroukhnagar at the controlled rate. Most of the families using kerosene belonged to the economically well-off categories of landless households and farmers with additional occupation. In other words the service class was using this fuel the most (Fig. 3.2.1). These families reported using it in all the seasons.

#### 7) LPG

At the time of survey, 3 households were using LPG. The LPG cylinders had to be brought from Gurgaon. All the households were in the economically well-off category. Two of them were large farmers and one belonged to the landless class.

#### 8) Biogas

Three households were having biogas plants at the time of survey. Two of them were large farmers and one a medium farmer. It was found that biogas was mainly being used for tea, fodder preparation, cooking vegetables etc. For rotis, the conventional mud-stove

was being used. For slow-heating of milk the Hara was used as earlier.

#### Seasonal use of fuels

Tables 3.2.9, 3.2.10 and 3.2.11 give the number of families using different fuels in different seasons. As can be clearly seen, in summer, apart from dungcakes mustard stalk was the main fuel. Wood was also quite widely used as it is easy to get dry twigs in this season.

Table 3.2.9: Number of Families Using Various Fuels in Winter

Fuel	No. of hh using the fuel				Total No. of hh using the fuel	Percentage of hh using the fuel	
	Own	Bought	Exchange	Collected for labour			
Dungcakes	34	11	-	-	6	139	97.2
Mustard Stalk	73	-	20	-	-	92	64.3
Wood	37	11	-	-	31	74	51.8
Guar	30	-	9	-	-	38	26.6
Bazra Stalk	2	-	-	-	-	2	1.4
Kerosene	-	30	-	-	-	30	21.0
LPG	-	3	-	-	-	3	2.1
Electricity	-	3	-	-	-	3	2.1
Biogas	3	-	-	-	-	3	2.1

hh = household

In rainy season also, dung cakes and mustard stalk were the main fuels in use. Use of wood declined in this season as it is difficult to get dry twigs. Most of the households using twigs from their own trees already had it stored in their house. Most of the farmers could get wood from the trees in their own fields while majority

of the landless people collected it from roadside trees or from those on community lands. There was no considerable increase in use of commercial fuelwood in this season. Even the number of households reporting use of other commercial fuels i.e. kerosene, LPG and electricity did not increase in rainy season. Thus people who use commercial fuels did so throughout the year, and those who had access to non-commercial fuels managed with the stored quantities and did not switch over to commercial fuels in any specific season.

Table 3.2.10: Number of Families Using Various Fuels in Rainy Seasons

Fuel	No. of hh using the fuel				Total No. of hh using	Percentage of hh using the fuel
	Own	Bought	Exchange	Collected for labour		
Dungcakes	127	11	-	6	132	92.3
Mustard stalk	91	-	32	-	122	85.3
Wood	33	11	-	20	59	41.3
Guar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bazra stalk	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kerosene	-	30	-	-	30	21.0
LPG	-	3	-	-	3	2.1
Electricity	-	3	-	-	3	2.1
Biogas	3	-	-	-	3	2.1

By winter season, there was a depletion in stocks of mustard stalk and hence there was a decrease in the number of families using mustard stalk. Still, a large number of families maintained sufficient stock even for winter.

As no attempt was made to collect the quantitative data, it was difficult to ascertain what is the main fuel in use by a family in a particular season. Though there is

Table 3.2.11: Number of Families Using Various Fuels in Summer

Fuel	No. of hh using the fuel				Total No. of hh using the fuel	Percentage of hh using the fuel
	Own	Bought	Exchange	Collected for labour		
Dungcakes	133	11	-	6	138	96.5
Mustard stalk	90	-	32	-	121	84.6
Wood	35	10	-	-	87	60.9
Guar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bazra stalk	-	-	-	-	30	-
Kerosene	-	30	-	-	3	21.0
LPG	-	3	-	-	3	2.1
Electricity	-	3	-	-	3	2.1
Biogas	3	-	-	-	3	2.1

hh = household

no considerable change in the number of households using dungcakes in the three seasons, it is presumed that consumption of dungcakes could be higher in rainy and winter seasons for the families owning cattle as they always maintain an inventory of dungcakes. Similarly in the families using a combination of commercial and non-commercial fuels, the consumption of commercial fuels is likely to be higher in rainy and winter seasons.

#### Problems in meeting fuel needs

To find out whether there was any scarcity of cooking fuel in the village, each household was asked whether they faced any problem in getting cooking fuel in any of the seasons. No attempt was, however made to quantify

the shortage of fuel.

Table 3.2.12 gives the number of families in different categories who perceived a fuel problem in a particular season. It can be seen that 49 households (33%) faced shortage of fuel in one or more seasons, majority of whom belonged to the landless category, both economically well-off and economically weaker sections. In the category of economically well-off farmers with additional occupation and small and marginal farmers also, considerable number of families reported facing a problem.

Problem of fuel in summer was very little for all categories due to availability of mustard stalk in abundance. Dry twigs could also be more easily obtained in this season. The main difficulty was faced in rainy and winter seasons. In rainy season, keeping the stored fuel from getting wet was a big problem. In addition no twigs could be obtained from the trees or common lands. Thus even though stocks of mustard stalks were there in rainy season, getting dry fuel was difficult.

Problem in winter was due to shortage of crop residues (mustard stalk) and as already indicated was mainly faced by landless people and marginal farmers. Problem was particularly acute for those families in labour class which did not own cattle and thus neither had

Table 3.2.12: Number of Families Facing Fuel Problem in Different Seasons

Economic Category	Type of hh	Total No. of Hh	No. of families facing problem			No. of families facing no problem		
			Summer	Rainy	Winter	Summer	Rainy	Winter
Economically Well-Off	Large	28*	-	2	3	27	25	24
	Medium	18	-	2	3	18	16	15
	Farmers with additional occupation	25	2	13	11	23	12	14
	Landless households in service/ self-employment	23	3	11	9	20	12	14
Economically Weaker Sections	Small/marginal	26	1	7	8	25	19	18
	Farmers with additional occupation	4	1	3	3	3	1	1
	Landless households in service/ self-employment/ labour	25	5	13	11	20	12	14
Total		149	12	51	48	136	87	100

Note: Information about one household in large farmers' category was not available.  
hh = household

enough dungcakes nor could they buy commercial fuels. Landless villagers, who had a reasonably good income from service or business mainly managed their requirements with kerosene or commercial fuelwood.

On the other hand, it was seen that as many as 71% households did not perceive any fuel problem throughout the year. Most of these were the large and medium farmers. Families in other categories not facing any problem were regular users of kerosene and fuelwood.

### **3.2.3 Agricultural Practices**

As agriculture is the main source of income in the village and consequently of major importance for the villagers, it was considered desirable to determine if improvements could be made in the current practices of energy use by way of better technologies and a more judicious use of resources. Before any interventions could be made, the land utilization pattern had to be understood better. Some information on the extent of land utilized in different cropping seasons and the crops grown was available from the first level surveys but in this survey, attempt was made to have a deeper understanding of how each farmer used a particular piece of land.

#### **Categorization of households**

As pointed out in Section 3.1, to make the different groups of households more representative of their economic status, certain deviations were made from the standard classification norms. For the data related to agriculture, classification was made only on the basis of land. As earlier, cultivable land owned or land under self-cultivation, whichever was greater was considered for classification under different farmer categories. At the time of survey 96 households were found to be practicing agriculture out of which 93 were land owners and 3 were landless but cultivating land by taking it on lease. Table 3.2.13 shows the number of

households under each category of farmers .

**Table 3.2.13: Categorization of Households According to Cultivable Land Owned/Under Cultivation**

Category	Land owned/ under cultivation (acre)	No. of hh	Perce- ntage of hh	Land under cultivation (acre)
Large	<10	25	26	452.3
Medium	5-10	19	20	134.0
Small	2.5-5	25	26	92.0
Marginal	0-2.5	27	28	41.1
Total		96	100	719.4

Note: The intervals include the upper limit but not the lower limit.

#### **Land utilization**

In Dhanawas, there are only two main cropping seasons. At the time of survey, wheat, barley mustard and gram were the major crops in rabi, whereas in kharif mainly fodder crops like jwar, bajra and guar were grown. Groundnut was also cultivated by a few farmers as a kharif crop. Table 3.2.14 gives the time from ploughing to harvesting of each crop. Some other minor crops (like kaitha) are also grown for fodder between rabi and kharif. However, information about them was not available.

The cultivable land in village Dhanawas was 682 acres. Land was given and taken on lease by farmers both within the village and outside the village. Due to fresh

Table 3.2.14: Crops cultivated in Rabi & Kharif

Season	Crop	Period of land utilization
Rabi		
	Wheat	Nov. - April
	Barley	Nov. - April
	Mustard	Oct. - March
	Gram	Oct. - March
Kharif		
	Jwar	July - Oct.
	Bajra	July - Oct.
	Guar	July - Oct.
	Groundnut	July - Oct.

transactions, the total land under cultivation changed every year. At the time of survey, 719.4 acres of land was found to be under cultivation by Dhanawas farmers.

Rabi, being the main cropping season, maximum land (85%) was utilized in this season. In kharif much smaller area (42%) was under cultivation. Table 3.2.15 gives the land utilized by various categories of farmers in the two seasons. Table 3.2.16 gives the corresponding figures for land cultivated and the cropping intensity for different farmers' categories. It can be seen that in rabi more than 60% farmers utilized their land fully whereas in kharif only 15% of the farmers cultivated the land fully. Most of them belonged to the small and marginal farmers' category. While none of the large and medium farmers were found to be cultivating the land fully in both the seasons, as

Table 3.2.15: Number of Farmers cultivating Land in Rabi and Kharif in 1986-87

Farmers' Category	Total no. of families	Rabi		Kharif		No. of farmers cultivating land only in Rabi	No. of farmers cultivating land fully in both Rabi and Kharif		
		No. of farmers using land		No. of farmers using land					
		Fully	Partially	Fully	Partially				
Large	25	11	13	-	23	1	-		
Medium	19	11	7	1	17	-	-		
Small	25	15	7	4	14	5	4		
Marginal	27	23	-	10	6	6	8		
Total	96	60	27	15	59	12	12		

Table 3.2.16: Land utilization in Rabi and Kharif in 1986-87

Farmers' Category	Total Cultivable land (acre)	Land under cultivation				Cropping Intensity / b + c \ / \ 1a /	
		Rabi		Kharif			
		(a)	acre (b)	% of cultivable land (c)	acre cultivable land		
Large	452.3	370.5	81.9	182.0	40.2	1.22	
Medium	134.0	121.8	90.9	57.0	42.5	1.33	
Small	92.0	82.0	89.1	41.0	44.6	1.34	
Marginal	41.1	37.1	90.2	24.6	60.0	1.50	
Total	719.4	611.4	85.0	304.6	42.3	1.27	

many as 30% of the marginal farmers and 16% of the small farmers were using it fully in rabi as well as in kharif. The cropping intensity, which indicates the

extent of land utilized in the whole year was also found to be the highest for marginal farmers and the lowest for large farmers.

The reasons for greater land utilization by marginal and small farmers could be attributed to their limited total income and hence a greater dependence on each piece of land owned by them. Kharif crops not being very capital intensive and mainly rain-fed, these farmers preferred to extract maximum out of their land. The number of farmers not cultivating their land at all in kharif was also found to be higher in the small and marginal category. This was mainly to improve fertility of the land for rabi. Large farmers also left some land fallow for a better rabi crop, as the piece of land not utilized in one season was cultivated in the other.

Land under cultivation for various crops was not same for all the years. Informal discussions with farmers after the survey showed that in Rabi season, decision to put greater area under wheat or mustard largely depended on the weather conditions. As mustard could survive drought conditions better than wheat, it was preferred in case of less rainfall. Mustard is also a crop of less investment and high returns but on the other hand it is also more prone to diseases and hence involves a greater risk. Thus wheat was preferred when good irrigation could be ensured. Barley, on the other hand, needs less moisture like mustard. A significant

percentage of the area was, thus, covered under barley. Cultivation of land in kharif also had a bearing on crop to be sown in rabi. As harvesting of kharif and sowing of mustard, both are done in October, the area to be put under mustard was generally left fallow in kharif. Fallow land was also ploughed a number of times much before sowing for rabi. Ploughing and sowing of wheat was done after harvesting of kharif crop.

Rotational and mixed cropping were also found to be quite commonly practiced. During the survey a number of farmers gave the total area under wheat and barley or under wheat, barley and mustard without giving the break-up. It was, thus understood that in these cases these crops were being cultivated in the same field. However, discussions after the survey showed that mixed cropping in rabi was mainly done between wheat and mustard or barley and mustard. Wheat and barley are mixed only in a few cases. As the two crops are similar in appearance, this is done only when the farmer decides to harvest both of them together. Thus the combined area under two or more crops may refer to either mixed cropping or total area under these crops. Tables 3.2.17 and 3.2.18 give the area under various crops for rabi and kharif with reference to different categories of farmers for the year 1986-87.

Table 3.2.17: Area Under Various Rabi Crops for the Different Farmer Categories in 1986-87

Crop	Area Under the Crop in Acres					Percentage of total cultivable land
	Large	Medium	Small	Marginal	Total	
Wheat	138.0	46.5	40.5	26.8	251.8	41.2
Barley	70.0	10.5	6.0	3.8	90.3	14.8
Mustard	70.0	27.0	6.0	1.0	104.0	17.0
Gram	23.0	6.8	5.0	-	34.8	5.7
Wheat + Barley	23.0	12.5	2.0	2	39.5	6.5
Wheat + Barley + Mustard	30.0	-	21.5	2.5	54.0	8.8
Others	16.5	18.5	1.0	1.0	37.0	6.0
Total	370.5	121.8	82.0	37.1	611.4	100.0

It can be seen that small and marginal farmers cultivated most of the area with wheat which could be explained by the higher risk factor involved in mustard. In kharif, jwar covered greater area than guar and bajra. Guar was mainly cultivated by the large farmers.

Some farmers also grew fodder crops like jwar and bajra soon after harvesting of rabi in April. This intermittent crop was, at times harvested more than once. This fact did not emerge very clearly from the survey as most of the farmers gave information only about the main rabi and kharif crops. However, visits

**Table 3.2.18: Area Under Various Kharif Crops for the Different Farmer Categories in 1986-87**

Crop	Area Under the Crop in Acres					Percentage of total	
	Large	Medium	Small	Marginal	Total	cultivable land	
Jwar	66.5	14.0	14.0	10.5	105.0	34.5	
Bajra	10.0	5.5	2.0	2.0	19.5	6.4	
Guar	50.0	14.5	6.0	1.0	71.5	23.5	
Groundnut	4.0	-	2.0	11.2	6.0	1.9	
Jwar and Bajra	25.0	13.5	15.0	-	64.7	21.2	
Jwar and Bajra+Guar	9.0	3.0	-	-	12.0	4.0	
Others	17.5	6.5	1.0	-	26.0	8.5	
Total	182.0	57.0	41.0	24.7	304.7	100.0	

to the village showed a significant part of the land under cultivation even between April and July.

#### Fertilizer Usage

Not all the farmers gave the amount of fertilizer used for different crops. Thus, quantitative information on the use of fertilizer by different categories of farmers and for various crops could not be obtained. However, it was generally seen that both composted manure and inorganic fertilizers were widely used. Farm yard manure was carried to fields once for rabi and once for kharif crops. Large and medium farmers owning relatively large cattle heads were able to use farm yard

manure for both the crops. Due to insufficient manure availability, this was applied rotationally to different parts of the land in the two cropping seasons. The commercial fertilizers were mainly used for rabi crops. Urea and DAP were widely used while Zinc phosphate, Potash and Superphosphate were used in very low quantities. It was found that for wheat and mustard generally one bag of Urea and one bag of DAP were applied per acre of land. 2-3 trolleys (equivalent to 5-6 tons) of organic manure was considered to be sufficient for one acre. Composted manure was spread in the fields before ploughing while commercial fertilizers were used at various stages of crop growth.

#### Irrigation Requirements

Here, the main concern was to determine the irrigation requirement of various crops. In Dhanawas, underground water is the only source of irrigation. Hence both electric and diesel pumpsets were found to be used for this purpose. At the time of the survey there were 90 pumpsets and 3 persian wheels in the village. It was found that those who did not own a pumpset were purchasing water at the rate of Rs.50/- per acre per irrigation. Table 3.2.19 gives the irrigation requirement of different crops.

Kharif crops are mostly rainfed. Hence information about their irrigation was not available. Detailed information on pumpsets is given in Section 3.3.

**Table 3.2.19: Irrigation Requirements for Various Crops**

Crop	Months	No. of times
Wheat	Nov-March	6-7 times with 15 days intervals.
Barley	Nov-Feb	3-4 times with one month interval.
Mustard	Nov-Dec	2 times with one month interval.
Gram	Nov-Feb	2 times, once in Nov and once in Feb.

#### **3.2.4 Agricultural Residues**

Agricultural biomass plays an important role in various needs of the villagers. Prior to dissemination of any technology using this biomass, it was essential to understand the present pattern of utilization of residues obtained from different crops.

Following are the main residues obtained from the crops in Dhanawas and their corresponding uses:

##### **Wheat straw**

Wheat straw is the main residue from wheat and is obtained after threshing in threshing machine. It is stored inside the house and used as fodder for the cattle (Locally it is known as "Bhusa").

##### **Barley straw**

Similar to wheat straw, this is also used as fodder. Generally wheat and barley straw are mixed together.

### **Mustard stalk**

Mustard is harvested by cutting the head i.e. grain parts of the plant. The lower part i.e. the stalk is the main residue obtained and is one of the most widely used cooking fuels. (It is locally known as Dankla.)

### **Juar stalk**

This residue is also used for fodder.

### **Bajra stalk and bajra cob**

Bajra stalk is the residue obtained after harvesting. The cob is obtained after threshing of the grain and is thus in a very fine form. It is either left in the fields or used as fodder.

### **Guar Stalk**

Guar is a leguminous crop, the seed of which is used as fodder. The pod is separated from the plant with the help of bullocks or tractors. The stalks thus left behind are used as fuel or at times left in the fields. Seed and shell are separated out in the thresher. While seed is sold out or used as fodder shell is used only as fodder.

### **Groundnut Shell**

Groundnut shell obtained after threshing is also used as fodder.

Moth, Tai and Kaitha are some other minor crops used as fodder.

### **Quantitative Estimates of Residues**

It was intended to estimate the quantity of biomass available from different crops by just questioning the farmers. However, in practice various problems were experienced in this:

- 1) No standard measure was found to exist for the crop residue. Information obtained from the farmers was in terms of local measures such as tractor loads and cart loads. Conversion factors of common agreement could not be obtained for these local measures (Finally, the values quoted by relatively more number of farmers were used).
- 2) For most of the crop residues, farmers were not aware of the actual quantity obtained. At times data was given in terms of approximate grain to residue ratio but they were not sure whether it was weight wise or volume wise. Thus in most cases the data obtained from the farmers was not reliable.
- 3) In case of mustard stalk in particular, it was very difficult to estimate the quantity available. It was used for only local consumption and the quantity obtained was not measured. It was generally stacked in the fields and brought home as per convenience. A part of the crop residue was also given to the labour as wage for harvesting. It was difficult to estimate the part given away. Thus it was not possible to arrive at the figure of total availability of the residue for a household.

- 4) Some residues were left in the fields as fertilizers. No quantitative measures were available for them.
- 5) The quantity of residue was also reported to vary with varying seed varieties.

As percentage of data available in case of residue was quite low, it was considered desirable to estimate residue availability using the grain yield quoted by the farmers and the standard grain to residue ratios. However it was found that for a number of crops (particularly the kharif crops), very few households had quoted even the yield. The information available was in terms of yield/acre and thus for finding the total yield, area under that crop were to be known. In the questionnaire, the area had been determined in the section on agricultural practices as well as in the section on agricultural residues. At the time of data analysis, in some cases, the areas quoted at the two places were found to be different. Finally, the area quoted in the agricultural section was used. There was also a problem in finding the area under each crop for mixed cropping. In such cases only one of the crops was considered. Thus from whatever data was available, the average grain yield was calculated. Table 3.2.20 lists this average with the standard deviation of the data which indicates a large variation. The mean of the data has also been compared with the standard grain yield

figures available for Haryana region. The table also compares the available data for the crop residue with the standard figure.

Table 3.2.20: Comparison of Average Yield of Grain and Residues from Survey with the Standard Data

Crop		Percentage of households giving information	Survey data Average Yield (kg/acre)	Standard* yield for Haryana Percentage standard deviation (kg/acre)		Percentage of survey from standata data
<b>Rabi</b>						
Wheat	G	88	1044	32	1026	+ 1.7
	R	81	1568	21	1540	+ 1.8
Barley	G	53	821	46	620	+ 32.4
	R	40	954	32	980	- 2.7
Mustard	G	89	309	22	284	+ 8.8
	R	42	381	54	1008	- 62.2
Gram	G	86	443	43	226	+ 96.0
	R	50	424	40	452	- 4.3
<b>Kharif</b>						
Jwar	G	17	657	70	54	- 1115.9
	R	66	588	58	216	+ 177.0
Bajra	G	77	445	113	267	+ 66.5
	R	75	515	61	443	+ 16.2
Guar	G	11	424	44	260	+ 63.0
	R	-	-	-	520	-
Groundnut	G	100	429	7	286	+ 49.9
	R	100	100	82	400	- 75.0

G: Grain R: Residue

\* The grain yield for Haryana has been taken from Ref [4] and the residue yield has been calculated using this grain yield and grain to residue ratio from Ref [5].

In case of grain yield, it can be seen that except for groundnut, which was being grown by very few people, the standard deviation of the data varied from 22% to 113%. The variation in the data of grain was less for mustard and wheat but it was quite high for kharif crops. Deviation of the average from the standard figures was also not very high for mustard and wheat. This could be because the grain of these crops is sold in the market and hence more accurately weighed where as kharif crops are mainly for fodder. Many a times the produce from them is not weighed at all. Also, as they are not threshed, the farmer does not always have an idea of the quantity of the produce (for the crops which are threshed, generally the volume of the grain is determined at the time of threshing). For jwar and guar, most of the households could not give the information on the grain yield. Whatever information was available from jwar was also found to be totally different from the standard figures. For barley, gram and all kharif crops, deviation from the standard was quite high.

In case of residue, percentage of information available was much less. Among the major crops, only for wheat straw, 81% of the households provided the data. The standard deviation of the data was lowest (21%) for wheat while for all other crops it ranged from 32% to 82%. The average yield of the residue/acre was also

very close to the standard figures. The deviation from the standard was very high for mustard stalk which clearly shows that the farmers did not have much idea about the amount of mustard stalk available.

Among the kharif crops, no information was available about residue of guar which is mainly used as a fodder. The data on jwar stalk was also very different from the standard figures.

In view of the variation in the data of grain yield as well as residue, finally an estimate of the availability of residues in Dhanawas was made by using the area under each crop in the village and the standard values of grain yield/acre and the grain to residue ratio. Table 3.2.21 gives this estimate for the main crops of Dhanawas.

This data gives a picture of only the supply side of biomass. To determine whether there was any surplus of biomass in Dhanawas, the data on the consumption side is also required.

In case of residues used as fuel, it was observed that a number of households faced shortage of residue in winter, though some households (most of them large and medium farmers) had enough mustard stalk (the main crop residue used as fuel) throughout the year. Thus there is not a high likelihood of there being an overall surplus of mustard stalk in the village. However, to

find out if any individual households have a surplus, data on the consumption pattern should be collected for the households using mustard stalk throughout the year.

**Table 3.2.21: Availability of agricultural residues (1986-87)**

Crop name		Area under the crop (acre)	Standard Values of grain yield for Haryana (kg/acre)	Standard Values of grain to residue ratio (3)	Residue Yield (kg/acre) (2)/(3)	Total Residue (kg) (1)X(2)/(1)
Rabi	Wheat	329.38	1026	1:1.5	1540	506915
	Barley	108.8	620	1:1.58	980	106624
	Mustard	132.5	284	1:3.55	1008	133560
	Gram	40.8	226	1:2	452	18442
	Jwar	120.45	54	1:4	216	26017
	Bajra	90.2	267	1:1.66	443	39958
	Guar	79.0	260	1:2	520	41080
Groundnut		7.0	286	1:4	1144	8008

Source: Ref [4] and [5]

### 3.3 Potential for Energy Development Activities

This section gives the information collected on cookstoves, biogas, pumpsets and biomass development activities.

#### 3.3.1 Cookstoves

As has already been told, TERI had taken up dissemination of two kinds of cookstoves (chulhas):

- 1) Portable metal chulha - TARA

## 2) Mud chulha with chimney - Nada

In this survey information relevant to their dissemination was obtained for both the chulhas. As each family cooking separately could have a chulha, 149 households were considered for data analysis.

### a) TARA chulha

Demonstration of TARA chulha had been done quite a few months before the survey and after that the chulhas had been sold out in the village at a subsidized price of Rs. 15/- per chulha (subsidy being provided by TERI). By the time of the survey, about 100 chulhas had been sold out.

It was intended to find out, through the survey, the extent of utilization of the chulha and the level of satisfaction of the users. Besides this, the households who hadn't taken the chulha were also asked the reasons for not taking it and if they would be willing to buy it later. This was to help in assessment of potential of its further dissemination and to identify the factors which were a hindrance to its greater acceptance.

The survey showed that 96 TARA chulhas sold in the village had gone to 56 households. It was found that a large number of households had taken chulhas for their relatives outside the village. However, it was not possible to find out the number of chulhas purchased by each house as some of the households were found to be

giving incorrect figures. Table 3.3.1 gives the distribution of chulhas as per the economic categories of the households.

It can be seen that 40% of the households from the economically well-off category had bought the chulha, whereas corresponding figure for the economically weaker households was 33%. During the survey, a significant number of households in both the categories showed willingness to buy the chulha, which mainly reflected on the slow response of the people. Acquiring the device wasn't very important for them, though they did have an inclination to buy it. A few households wanted to buy it whenever they had enough money.

About 28% of the households were not willing to have the chulha at all. While 5 of these did not feel the need as they were using LPG or kerosene stoves, some others did not want to have it either because of its small size or other drawbacks as enumerated later. Most of the large farmers were seen to be reluctant to have it. In most of the other cases, where no concrete reasons were given, investigators felt that there was a general resistance to trying out a new device. Women in 14 households left the decision of having the chulha on the male members of the family.

Seven households were found to be unaware of the chulha as they were staying in the fields. Only three of them showed interest in buying it.

Table 3.3.1: Distribution of households having TARA chulha

Economic Category	Type of hh	Total no. of hh	No. of households			
			having TARA	willing to have it	unwilling to have it	where women were unsure
Economically Well-off	Large farmers	28	10	6	13	1
	Medium farmers	18	6	5	3	2
	Farmers with other occupations also	25	9	6	9	1
	Landless Hh in service/business/artisans	23	13	3	6	1
Economically Weaker	Small/Marginal Farmers	26	10	7	5	4
	Farmers with other occupation	4	2	-	1	1
	Landless	25	6	9	4	4
Total		149	56	36	41	14

#### Response of the users

It was found that out of 56 households who had bought the chulha, four households had given it to their relatives and three were not using it as they did not like it. Four households used it only in rainy season.

The response of the others, who were using the chulha, was found to be mixed. While most of them felt it saved

fuel as well as time and were satisfied on that account, they also identified some of its drawbacks. The most important of these, as can be seen in Table 3.3.2 was its unsuitability for making rotis in the traditional way. (The chulha has a small firebox and thus rotis cannot be baked inside the box as is done in the conventional chulhas.) Other drawbacks included lack of a tray for ash collection because of which ash fell on the floor and heating up of the metal body. Some of them also felt, it was too small and could accommodate very less fuel at a time (Among the non-users that was given as one of the main reasons for not taking the chulha). But in spite of the drawbacks as many as 77% of the users expressed their satisfaction with the chulha.

But most of the households were using it only for making tea and cooking vegetables. Bulk of the work (which included making rotis) was still being done on the traditional chulha. Only one household reported making rotis also on the chulha by altering the method of baking rotis.

#### b) Nada Chulha

Prior to the survey only 10 Nada chulhas had been installed in the village as a demonstration. Feedback from these 10 households had to be obtained as also response from the rest of the village whether they would be willing to have this chulha. In fact even before the

**Table 3.3.2: Response of users towards TARA chulha**

Total number of hh using the chulha : 48

Number of hh generally satisfied with it : 37

Number of hh not satisfied with it : 9

Reasons for satisfaction		No. of hh	Reasons for dissatisfaction		No. of hh
1. Consumes less fuel	29	1. Cannot make rotis		11	
2. Gives out less smoke	13	2. Too small		3	
3. Takes less time	25	3. Gets too hot		4	
		4. Ash spreading on the floor		3	
		5. Blackens the vessels more		2	
		6. Does not burn dungcakes well		1	

hh : household

survey there was a general impression that the chulha had been liked in the village and quite a few more households wanted to get it installed. This all the more necessitated the need for assessment of the actual potential so that further dissemination could be planned accordingly. In addition to this, it was also intended to find out if any women in the village would be interested in getting trained in Nada chulha construction. These trained women could then construct the chulhas in the village and hence benefit economically.

The survey showed that out of ten chulhas installed, eight were in use. The users were satisfied with the chulha mainly because of smoke removal. They could not experience any reduction in fuel consumption in this chulha vis-a-vis the conventional chulha. It was also found that the women mostly preferred to cook outside in the open and thus the Nada chulha, which was built indoors because of its chimney, would be in use mainly in winter and rainy season only.

The response of other households towards this chulha was quite favourable. Table 3.3.3 shows that 43 households, who had a kitchen, showed willingness to have the chulha, 13 of which belonged to economically weaker section. But a large number of them (as many as 54 households) did not have a kitchen so could not get the chulha installed. About 44% of the economically weaker households did not have a kitchen. Twenty three households were not interested in having it installed even though they had a kitchen. Out of a total of 149 households, 22 were found to be unaware of the chulha.

The information on potential of training in Nada chulha construction has been covered in Section 3.4.

**Table 3.3.3: Distribution of households willing to have Nada chulha**

Economic Category	Total no. of hh	No. of households				
		willing to have NADA	having kitchen	not having sure and having kitchen	but not willing	not willing
Economically Well-off	Large	28	8	6	8	2
	Medium	18	2	5	6	3
	Farmers with other occupations	25	13	3	3	1
	Businessmen/Artisans/In Service	23	7	4	13	1
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Economically Weaker	Small	26	10	3	10	2
	Marginal	4	-	2	2	-
	With other occupation	25	3	-	12	6
	Landless	149	43	23	54	15

### 3.3.2 Biogas

Biogas programme had been initiated in the village with the construction of three family size fixed dome plants. Through this survey it was intended to assess the net potential for biogas technology in the village so that further dissemination could be suitably planned. Thus information regarding the cattle population, space availability, financial capability and willingness to have biogas plants was collected.

#### Potential based on cattle-heads

Cattle population data of Dhanawas has been already presented in section 6.2. To get an idea of the gross potential for biogas generation for the village as a whole, total live-stock population including cattle and poultry were considered. Camels and goats were not taken into account. As shown in table 3.3.4, the biogas generation potential for the village was found to be

$237 \text{ m}^3$  of gas/day.

This is the maximum amount of gas that could be generated through community biogas plants in the village which could utilize all the available dung. Considering the total human population as equivalent to 665 adults and gas requirement for cooking as 340 l/person-day, the total gas requirement of the village comes to  $226 \text{ m}^3$ /day, which is within the gas generation capacity of the village.

Table 3.3.4: Gross Potential for Biogas Generation in Dhanawas

Animal	Total Number	Dung Available (kg/day)	Gas Available per kg of dung <sup>*</sup> $\text{m}^3$	Total Gas Generation $\text{m}^3$ $\text{m}^3$ /day)
Cows	72	10	0.04	28.8
Buffaloes	152	15	0.04	91.2
Bullocks	36	15	0.04	21.6
Calves	221	8	0.04	70.7
Hens	4175	0.06	0.1	25.1
Total				237.4

\* Source: Ref. [3]

Thus theoretically, biogas from dung can meet all the cooking requirements of the village if a community biogas plant is installed. But this could not be made possible in reality. Experience in the village had clearly shown the individualistic attitude of the villagers. Thus a community approach for biogas promotion was ruled out. The biogas potential had to be exploited mainly through family size plants.

In such a case a number of households that had less cattle, could not have a biogas plant. It was seen that only 51 out of 130 households owning cattle, had enough cattleheads for an individual biogas plant. Table 3.3.5 gives the economic distribution of these households. It is clearly seen that 76% of the households having potential for a biogas plant belonged to the economically well-off category. Most of the large farmers had enough cattle for a family size plant. One household with poultry farm with 4000 hens had a potential for 25 m<sup>3</sup>/day plant. In the economically weaker section very few families had sufficient cattle.

With biogas plants in these 51 households, 173 m<sup>3</sup> of gas would be generated per day, which constitutes 73% of the total village capacity of 237 m<sup>3</sup>/day.

Table 3.3.5: Potential for Biogas Plants of Different Capacities

Economic Category		Total No. of hh	No. of hh having potential for a biogas plant			Total No. of hh	
			2 m <sup>3</sup> /day	3 m <sup>3</sup> /day	4 m <sup>3</sup> /day		
Economically Well-off	Large	25	9	6	3	-	18
	Medium	17	7	1	2	-	10
	Farmers with other occupations	25	6	2	-	-	8
	Businessmen/Artisans/In Service	23	2	-	-	1	3
Economically Poor	Small/Marginal	25	6	2	-	-	8
	With other occupation	4	-	-	-	-	-
	Landless	25	2	2	-	-	4
Total		144	32	13	5	1	51

#### Constraints in technology promotion

Sufficient number of cattle heads is the primary requirement for a biogas plant but it was seen that apart from this, various other constraints could come in the way of promotion of the technology. Table 3.3.1 shows that out of 51 households with enough cattle to have a plant only six were willing to have a plant immediately and five showed some interest for future. Rest of them expressed their unwillingness due to various reasons.

Space constraint was found to be one of the main hindrances in installation of a biogas plant. Particularly for the landless people who had limited space at home and no fields where a plant could be constructed, this was a dominating factor.

Other reasons given by the households for not wanting to have a plant included dislike for the technology, lack of manpower for operation and maintenance of the plant, economic constraints and, easy and adequate supply of crop residue as fuel. Though different reasons have been identified as above, it was felt that in all of these, the underlying reason was an indifference and lack of appreciation for the technology and a resistance to adopt something which is quite different from the traditional devices.

None of these households were found to be impressed by the fuel or fertilizer related advantages of the technology. In no case could one feel that if the constraints mentioned by them could be removed, they would have a plant.

**Table 3.3.6 : Potential for Biogas Technology**

Category	No of hhs
1. Households having enough cattleheads and willing to have a plant	
i) Willing to have immediately	6
ii) Willing to have in near future	5
2. Households having enough cattleheads but not willing to have the plants due to	40
i) insufficient space for plant construction	19
ii) dislike for the technology	5
iii) shortage of manpower	5
iv) not having enough money	5
v) not required as sufficient crop residue available for fuel	5
vi) having LPG	1
vii) reasons not specified	4
3. Households having insufficient cattlehead	16
4. Households not having any cattleheads	14
5. Households already having the plant	3

### 3.3.3 Pumpssets

Pumpssets were found to constitute the main portion of the water-lifting devices used by the farmers of Dhanawas for their agricultural lands, though Persian wheels were also used at a few places.

While designing the questionnaire, it had been assumed that a person using a pumpset owned it too. However, it was later found that a number of pumpsets were shared by more than one family. As the ownership of the pumpset had not been identified during the survey, this led to repetitions in some cases. Apart from this, in two cases it was found that the household had two borewells and one diesel engine which was shifted as per the irrigation requirement. However, at the time of the survey, each household had reported use of two pumpsets. Thus, at the time of data analysis, wherever there were possibilities of an error, respective households were contacted again and the data corrected. To avoid this problem, the ownership of the pumpset must be identified at the time of the survey.

#### Overall Scenario

It was found that 61 farmers (out of 96 farmers) owned 90 pumpsets. Out of these 63 were electrically operated and 27 were diesel operated. In addition, there were 3 Persian wheels, one among which was not in use. Table 3.3.6 gives the number of households owning pumpsets in each category of farmers. Most of the large and medium farmers were owning pumpsets. Majority of the large farmers owned both electric and diesel pumpsets, the latter being mainly kept as stand-by. In all other categories farmers either owned electric or diesel pumpsets, with a majority of electric ones. In the

marginal farmers' category only 30% households were found to be owning pumpsets.

Table 3.3.7 : Number of Farmers in Different Categories Owning Pumpsets

	Total No. of Farmers	No. of Farmers owning Pumpsets			Total No. of farmers owning pumpsets
		Only Electric	Only Diesel	Both Electric & Diesel	
Large	25	8	1	13	22
Medium	19	11	4	-	15
Small	25	13	2	-	15
Marginal	27	5	2	1	8
Total	96	37	9	14	60

Electrical pumpsets, being easy to operate and having less capital as well as running cost as compared to the diesel operated pumpsets, were preferred by a large number of villagers. Seventy percent of the pumpsets in Dhanawas were found to be electrically operated, 89% of which were of monoblock type and the rest were of belt and pulley type.

The electric pumpsets were of 3 HP and 5 HP rating whereas the diesel pumpset rating ranged from 5 HP to 8 HP. 3 HP pumpsets constituted a majority of the electric pumpsets. Table 3.3.7 illustrates the number of pumpsets of various ratings in the village. It also lists the area in the command of each category of the

pumpsets. One pumpset which is tractor operated has been treated as a diesel pumpset.

**Table 3.3.8: Capacity of Pumpsets and Area Under Irrigation**

Type of pumpset	Rating (HP)	No. of Pumpsets	Area under irrigation (acres)	Average area/HP
Electrically operated	3	47	309	2.19
	5	16	172	2.14
<b>Total</b>		63	481	
Diesel Operated	5	2	12	
	6	4	17	
	6.5	1	3	
	7	1	8	
	8	18	139	
	25	1	5	
	<b>Total</b>	25	184	

Electrical pumpsets covered 481 acres of land where as diesel pumpsets were irrigating only 184 acres. The average land irrigated per HP is 2.19 acres for 3 HP electric pumpsets and 2.14 acres for 5 HP electric HP pumpsets. These figures could not be calculated for diesel pumpsets because they were mostly used as standby devices to be operated in the event of failure of the electric pumpsets or power supply. Diesel for these

pumpsets was brought either from Gurgaon or from Faroukhnagar. It was found that two households were irrigating their lands with water purchased from their neighbours.

A frequency distribution based on the year of installation of the pumpsets (Table 3.3.8) shows that there was a spate of electric pumpset installations in Dhanawas which had a peak sometime between 1970 and 1974. A sharp decrease, was however observed after 1984. Interestingly, the number of purchases of diesel pumpsets were found to have gone up after 1980. Before 1980, there were only four diesel pumpsets in the village. A total of 23 diesel pumpsets were installed between 1980 and 1987. Most of these had been bought by farmers already having an electric pumpset. This might have been due to the erratic power supply timings experienced by the villagers. Also, it has been consistently alleged by the farmers that the total quantum of power supplied to them is not enough to meet their irrigation requirements.

Most of the farmers had availed of loan facility from banks for purchase of the pumpsets. GI pipe was found to be used for the suction and delivery lines by 59 households in comparison to PVC pipe, which was used by one household only.

Electric power charges were found to be paid by meter except for 2 households who were paying fixed tariff. Fixed tariff was preferred by these households due to the following reasons :

- i) There was a continuous menace in the village because of people who tapped electricity from others' mains in a clandestine manner. The owner of the metered electricity connection invariably ended up paying up for much more power than he had actually used. Payment of fixed tariff eliminated this problem of paying more than one's dues.
- ii) People who paid by meter always had to keep worrying about the amount of power they used in order to reduce their electricity bills. Paying at a flat rate spared them of the trouble of having to economize on the electricity consumption.

The average electricity expenses incurred (as reported by the villagers) on a 3 HP pumpset per year per HP was found to be Rs. 503.00 whereas in the case of 5 HP pumpsets this figure was Rs. 460.00 per HP per year. The overall average, thus came to, about Rs. 2.15 per acre per HP. The average expenditure in case of diesel engine was not determined as most of them were used as stand-bys and the expenses incurred by different farmers had a large variation.

**Table 3.3.9: Number of Pumpsets Installed in Dhanawas over the Years**

S.No.	Year	No. of pumpsets		Cumulative freq.	
		Electric	Diesel	Electric	Diesel
1.	Upto 1964	2	0	2	0
2.	1965-1969	8	2	10	2
3.	1970-1974	17	1	27	3
4.	1975-1979	16	1	43	4
5.	1980-1984	14	12	57	16
6.	1985-1987	6	11	63	27

#### **Persian wheel**

Of the existing three persian wheels, only two were found to be in operation and used by the farmers. The main reason for the people to reject the persian wheel as an irrigation device was that it was time consuming and one person was continuously needed for manning the bullocks.

#### **Water Conveyance systems and irrigation methods**

The main methods used for water conveyance in Dhanawas were found to be pipes and channels. A majority (about 26) of the villagers used pipes for conveyance of water to the field. The next most popular system was channels which were used by 15 households. Also, 10 households conveyed the water to some distance by pipe and then by channels. Sprinklers were used in very few households.

The most popular method of irrigation was by furrows.

#### **New Installations**

An inquest about plans for installation of new pumpsets revealed that 21 households were planning to purchase pumpsets in near future. Five of these were going in for electric pumpsets and rest of them were preferring diesel pumpsets. This information was obtained so that if TERI wanted to initiate work in the improvement of pumpset efficiencies, a beginning could be made by way of giving advice in case of new installations.

#### **3.3.4 Biomass Development**

As a part of biomass development activities it was intended to promote agroforestry and wasteland development in the village and also develop a nursery there. Information required for these programmes was collected during the survey.

##### **a) Agroforestry**

The survey was used as a means to make the farmers aware of the concept of agroforestry and then find out their willingness to practice it in their field. The set of write-ups given to them on various activities of TERI also included an introduction to agroforestry. This was accompanied by explanations by the investigators.

The results were fairly encouraging and as many as 52% of the farmers showed willingness to try out agroforestry in their fields. Some of the households

were hesitant to go in for it as they anticipated problems in ploughing the fields in presence of the plants, though they were explained that the spacing between plants will be sufficient to avoid any such problems. About 4% of the households wanted to have plants only on the boundaries of the fields. Some of them wanted to take it up only after a successful demonstration in others' fields. Table 3.3.9 gives the distribution of willing and non-willing farmers in different categories. Observations show that farmers in all categories were equally willing to try it out.

Some of the farmers had earlier planted eucalyptus on the boundaries of their fields but found it to be adversely affecting the soil fertility. Thus they were apprehensive about planting trees with crop. Farmers generally preferred fruit trees or others with good commercial value that could go well with the crop.

**Table 3.3.10: Farmers' response to agroforestry**

Farmers' Category	Total no. of farmers	No. of farmers willing to try agroforestry	No. of farmers willing to plant trees only at the boundaries of fields	
			Immediately	In future
Large	25	15	2	3
Medium	18	9	2	1
Small	25	15	2	-
Marginal	28	11	-	-
Total	96	50	6	4

**b) Nursery**

As TERI wanted to take up programmes in agro-forestry and wasteland development, having a nursery in the village would have been useful for the programme. Such a nursery could also provide the villagers with plants of their choice. Thus it was decided to first explore through the survey, the interest of the farmers in having a nursery in the village. It was also intended to have the nursery in a private fertile land where facilities for irrigation were available. Thus the survey also helped in finding out about the people who were willing to give one acre of their land to TERI on lease for the nursery.

It was found that most of the farmers (about 74%) supported the idea of having a nursery in the village.

As many as 31 (32%) farmers were willing to lease their land to TERI for nursery development. This was in spite of the fact that just outside the village, Haryana Government had also started a nursery on the land of a Dhanawas farmer. Discussions with people showed that the Government nursery had failed to make a significant impact as the plants available there were not in demand in the village.

c) Wasteland particulars

As an initiation of energy development programme in the village, TERI had started energy plantation in 20 acres of panchayat wasteland in 1985. The objectives of undertaking this project were to develop a source of fuel supply over a period of time and to reclaim the land through tree plantation. A little later, Haryana forestry department also undertook similar programmes in another 20 acre of panchayat wasteland. Considering TERI's interest in reclamation of wasteland, some farmers who owned wastelands, suggested that TERI should help in reclaiming these individual wastelands as well. Before initiating any work in this area, it was felt necessary to identify the households owning wastelands, to get information about detailed characteristics of their lands and the extent of the households' interest in putting in efforts and money for reclamation of the land.

A total of 136 acre of wasteland was found to be belonging to Dhanawas, constituting 17% of total land belonging to Dhanawas. 105 acres of this wasteland was owned by village Panchayat and rest belonged to farmers. The distribution of the land among the farmers category given in Table 3.3.10, shows that most of the wasteland was owned by large and medium farmers. This total does not include that land which is in the form of patches within the cultivable land.

Table 3.3.11: Distribution Of Waste land

Farmers' Category	no. of households	Total waste land owned (acres)
Large	4	16.5
Medium	3	8.0
Small	2	3.5
Marginal	3	3.0
Common	-	105.0
Total	12	136.0

It was found that these lands had become infertile over a period of time. Yields from these lands kept on reducing till they became unfit for cultivation. Loss of fertility of the land was due to one or more of the following reasons:

- 1) Low lying topography due to which they were filled with water during rainy seasons

- 2) Presence of salts
- 3) Existence of rocky stratum and hence degradation of land due to erosion of top soil

Out of a total of 12 farmers, who owned wasteland, 4 had made some efforts in its reclamation. They got the soil tested which showed presence of salts (reports of these tests were not available for reference during the survey). They also sought advice from the agricultural departments of the Government and were asked to apply gypsum in these lands every year. However, in spite of the Government subsidy on gypsum, it required high investment and none of the farmers applied it. Despite the salinity of the soil, two large farmers were found to be cultivating their lands regularly. Yield from these lands was less than that from a fertile land. Even in those few cases where there were saline patches in the cultivable land, these areas were under cultivation.

Information on irrigation facilities in the wasteland was also sought as a part of the feasibility requirement for plantations in these lands. Majority of the farmers had a provision for irrigating these lands, due to their location adjacent to fertile lands where borewells were existing. Only three households did not have any irrigation facility.

None of the farmers was found to be aware of anybody's experience in wasteland reclamation. However, all the concerned farmers showed interest in getting their wastelands reclaimed by way of growing trees as was suggested by TERI. They were ready to bear a part of total expenditure but also expected TERI to provide some financial support. Though they were interested in growing fruit trees, it was made clear to them that fruit trees could not be grown in wastelands and that species like ramkanti babul, arjun, eucalyptus and bamboo could be used for initial plantations for land reclamation. There was a serious objection from the farmers to eucalyptus plantation, as some of them had had a bad experience with it in their fields.

### **3.4 Potential for Training and Employment**

As TERI's activities increased in the village and dissemination of various energy efficient technologies was also to be promoted further, it was considered desirable to seek local help in our activities and particularly train some people in the installation and maintenance of different energy devices. To identify people suitable for this purpose, information was obtained about the occupation and interests of all the members of a family above 16 years.

Attempt was made to find out the special skills of people which could be useful to TERI. It was also asked if they were relatively free at any time during the year

and if they would have an inclination to help TERI as and when required or get training in biogas technology or Nada chulha.

The survey showed that as many as 40% of the people were in service or business or were artisans out of which 23% had service or business as the only occupation. Only 10% of the families were landless labourers. People with special skills included masons, carpenters, blacksmiths, mechanics and electricians etc.

It was found that farmers having relatively large land holdings (i.e. large and medium farmers) were engaged in agricultural activities throughout the year as they took two crops). But in case of small and marginal farmers many households were not going for kharif crop. These people had a tendency to take up a job in the lean period. Some of them were already engaged in some such work. Those who were not doing any job, showed interest to work with us.

It was seen that the labour class in the village did not have enough work throughout the year. They either worked with masons or as agricultural labourer. Due to less agricultural activities in kharif season, they did not always get work in that period. Some of these people also had training as cycle mechanics or thread makers. They showed interest in working with TERI.

Among artisans, there were masons and blacksmiths. Four of the masons could do carpentry as well. Due to less construction work within the village, these people generally went out for work. It was found that these people also were not able to manage work throughout the year.

#### **Training in biogas**

During the survey 45 people showed interest in getting training in biogas. These included masons, labourers and students (Table 3.4.1). Out of these, 39 people were having qualifications ranging from 5th to 12th and training from ITI. While the masons could be trained in construction of biogas plants, students could be trained in their maintenance and monitoring. Some of the labourers with some educational qualification could also be considered for maintenance work.

Table 3.4.1: Number of Persons Interested in Biogas Training

Occupation	Number of persons interested	Range of educational qualification
Masons	6	6th - 9th
Labour	16	nil - 10th
Farmers	10	6th - 10th
Students	8	9th - ITI
Unemployed	4	Nil - 10th
Others	1	8th
Total	21	45

#### Training in Nada chulha construction

Since the conventional mud chulhas used for cooking are made by the women themselves, it was decided to explore their interest in learning construction of the improved mud-chulha Nada (which had been demonstrated in the village). As generally women only make their own chulha, it was intended to identify those women who would be ready to construct the chulhas in others' houses as well so that they could be used for further dissemination of the chulha in the village. To determine the possibility of their getting trained or working outside the village, it was also asked if they would be willing to do so.

Fairly good response was received from the women. 26 women and girls were interested in taking training. Out of them 11 were willing to work within the village and 15 were ready to even go outside the village (Table 3.4.2).

**Table 3.4.2: No. of Women Interested in NADA Chulha Training**

Economic Category		No. of women willing to work	
		within Dhanawas	other villages as well
	Large	-	-
Economically Well-off	Medium	-	2
	Farmers with other occupation	2	2
	Businessmen/ artisans/ in Service	-	-
Economically Weaker Section	Small/Marginal	4	5
	With other occupation	1	2
	Landless	4	4
Total		11	15

Though for training in biogas and Nada chulha construction, it was possible to identify some suitable and interested people, during the survey the survey team did not come across any person, male or female, who

was keen to help TERI in its activities.

### 3.5 General Response to TERI's activities

As has already been stated, an Energy Development Committee was formed in the village for greater involvement of people in our activities, but it was felt that the committee wasn't very effective in achieving its objectives. Thus in the survey it was intended to find out to what extent people were aware of our activities and what opinion they had, about them. Suggestions were also sought to increase effectiveness of TERI in the village. The survey proved quite useful in getting this feedback. As the survey was conducted by the TERI staff, there was an opportunity to directly interact with the villagers.

The survey showed that almost all households were aware of TERI and its activities, but only 37% of households were aware of the Village Energy Development Committee (Table 3.5.1). It was found that the economically weaker sections were much less involved in our activities, as compared to others. There was a lack of initiative in these people and in a number of other families too. Reasons for this were identified to be:

- 1) They did not perceive energy as a problem. They were more keen for general development of the village viz. pucca roads, construction of school buildings etc. For the households where energy was a problem in the

form of fuel shortage, they wanted fuel rather than an improved chulha.

2) There was an indifference of the people towards any new technology as they were more or less reconciled with their way of life and the devices they used.

3) There was lack of motivation on the part of the committee members to inform all households of our programmes and encourage them to involve themselves.

**Table 3.5.1: Response of the households towards the committee**

Economic		No. of hh. aware about the committee	No. of hh willing to attend committee	No. of hh unwilling to attend committee
Economically Well-off	Large farmers	12	15	4
	Medium farmers	10	16	1
	Farmers with other occupation	8	13	6
	Landless households in service/ Self-employment	5	18	5
Economically Weaker Section	Small/Marginal farmers	11	15	3
	Farmers with additional occupation	1	2	1
	Landless households in service/ self-employment/ labour	6	15	6
Total		52	94	26

In spite of a lukewarm response, most of the households including economically backward class were found willing to participate in our activities and attend the committee's meetings. Till the survey, the meetings used to be held in the day time when the committee members were available. But the survey showed that most of the villagers were available only in the evenings.

This feedback was useful in furthering our efforts to increase villagers involvement.

In the women's section also questions on their awareness about TERI were included. Again it was seen that most of them knew about TERI's work but almost none of them knew about the committee. They were told about the function of the committee and that they should contact the members in case they were interested in getting any of our devices.

The response from some economically weaker households was found to be quite negative towards TERI's work. They wanted us to provide employment instead of giving improved devices.

During the survey people were also encouraged to give some suggestions to TERI for further work but none of them came up with any concrete ones. Particularly those who realized that TERI was involved in only energy related work, did not suggest anything. However, a few others including women very strongly expressed their view that their village was more in need of general development than installation of energy devices.

#### 4. CONCLUSIONS

In view of its objectives, the AIUN survey proved quite useful in the following ways:

1. In having a direct contact with each household of the village.
2. In determining the level of acceptance of different energy technologies and potential for future dissemination with reference to different households.
3. In understanding the problems associated with collecting some data.
4. In understanding the villagers' perception of their needs vis-a-vis the energy development activities.

A direct interaction with each household greatly helped in getting a clearer picture of the current pattern of life of different families in the village and scope for carrying out energy development activities among them.

The data collected on different resources and technologies brought into light their qualitative as well as quantitative aspects and gave an insight into whether and how the resource utilization pattern may be changed by promoting suitable technologies.

Among the resources, the village was found to be rich in livestock, with a total of 475 cattle in March'87. Out of different animals, number of buffaloes was found to be the highest. The total cattle population was also found to be decreasing with time. This was particularly

true of drought animals. In trading of animals no pattern was observed with respect to different times of the year. Sale and purchase of animals was found to be carried out throughout the year.

Among the cooking fuels, dungcakes and mustard stalk were found to be most widely used. Commercial fuels like kerosene and fuelwood were mainly used by the service class. The village was not found to be having any significant shortage of fuel in summer. However, in rainy and winter seasons, about one-third of the families reported facing problems in getting fuel.

Data collected on agricultural practices showed a greater utilization of land by small and marginal farmers. All the farmers cultivating their land fully in rabi as well as kharif belonged to this category. However, some small and marginal farmers cultivated their land only in rabi so as to improve the fertility of the land by leaving it fallow in kharif, most of large and medium farmers cultivated their land both in rabi and kharif, even though only partially in both the seasons.

As regards, agricultural produce of both grain and residues, the survey clearly showed the unreliability of the data collected by just questioning the farmers. In case of most of the crops data had a large variation and also did not match with the standard figures for that

region. Only in wheat, which is a commercial crops, the data on both grain and mustard was found to be more reliable. While estimates of grain from mustard were also close to the standard figures, the data on mustard stalk was found to be having a very large variation.

Among the technologies, the improved cookstoves were found to be having a fairly good acceptance. Most of the households were satisfied with the metal stove TARA, even though they did not use it for all the cooking. A large number of households were found to be willing to have the - Nada Chulha too the women were particularly interested in the smoke removal feature of the chulha.

The response of villagers towards biogas technology was slightly lukewarm. Though there was a good potential for family size biogas plants in the village, most of households were not found to be very keen in getting one installed. It was felt that there was a need for further demonstration of the technology with good performance and a greater effort in motivating the villagers before the technology could find better acceptance in the village.

On the other hand, it was felt that biomass development activities had a greater scope for making an impact in the village. Most of the villagers showed an interest in agroforestry and having a nursery in the village.

With a good number of pumpsets in the village, there was

also a scope for initiating work to improve the running efficiency of these pumpsets.

There was also a scope for training some villagers in Nada chulha and biogas construction. As many as 26 women showed interest in getting training in Nada chulha construction. Six village mesons were ready for learning biogas construction work. A lot of other people expressed some inclination in getting trained in maintenance and monitoring of the plants. However, it was seen that most of these people were more keen to get permanent jobs and hence would not have worked in the village on the voluntary or even temporary basis. In spite of a large number of people showing interest in the village, it was difficult to find a person who would be very keen to work for TERI in the village.

The survey also helped in highlighting the perceptions of the villagers about their needs and their expectations from TERI. It was seen that though the villagers were not hostile to TERI, for them getting new energy devices installed was not very important. They did not perceive energy as a problem. For them, general development of the village was more important. Most of them particularly women wanted TERI to undertake general development work for the village.

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**Appendix I**  
**Questionnaire for the Activity Impact**  
**and User Need Survey**

**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR DHANAWAS**

**I GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE HOUSEHOLD**

1. HOUSEHOLD NO.

2. A) NAME OF THE  
HOUSEHOLD HEAD

B) FATHER'S NAME

C) MAIN OCCUPATION

D) ANNUAL INCOME

3. NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN THE HOUSEHOLD

AGE GROUP	MALE	FEMALE
0 - 15		
5 - 16		
16 - 25		
MORE THAN 25		

4. LAND-OWNED

5. DEVICES INSTALLED	TARA	DHANAWAS WATER HEATER	SOLAR COOKER
	NADA	SHALLOW SOLAR POND	BIOGAS

6. NAME OF THE INVESTIGATOR

7. DATE

PART 1 : FOR MEN

II DEVICES- FOR NON-USER'S ONLY

BIOGAS

1. DO YOU KNOW ABOUT IT/ HAVE YOU SEEN IT?

2. HOW MANY CATTLE HEADS DO YOU HAVE?

3. WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A BIOGAS PLANT

A) IF YES

1) DO YOU HAVE ENOUGH SPACE AT HOME/IN FIELDS?

11) a) WOULD YOU LIKE TO USE IT FOR WATER PUMPING IN PLACE OF COOKING?

b) WILL YOU GET IT INSTALLED IN THE FIELD FOR THIS PURPOSE?

c) IF REQUIRED, WILL YOU CARRY THE DUNG FROM HOME TO THE FIELDS?

111) CAN YOU GET LOAN FROM THE BANK?

1v) AFTER INSTALLATION OF THE PLANT, WILL YOU HELP US IN CARRYING OUT SOME EXPERIMENTS WITH IT?

v) IF TERI DOES NOT GIVE ANY SUBSIDY ON THE PLANTS, WILL YOU STILL GET A PLANT INSTALLED?

B) IF NO, WHY?

## II DETAILS OF THE LAND HOLDING

i) Land owned: Total                      Cultivable                      Wasteland

ii) Land under cultivation:

### i. Crop details

How many crops do you get in year	Crop	Land under the crop (Acres)	Period for which the land is utilized for this crop	Months when the crop needs irrigation	Required for the crop Total no of days	No of hours in a day	Amount of fertilizer used Inorganic	Organic
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How much land do you cultivate throughout the year and every year without leaving it fallow any time?

How much land do you leave fallow and for how much time?

Do you ever seek advice from the agricultural department of the Government?  
If no, would you like to be advised by somebody on your agricultural practices?  
Please specify the kind of advise you will like to have?

Is the quality of your land undergoing any change?

### Agrforestry

1. Would you like to plant trees in the fields along with the crop?

2. Do you get plants from the government nursery?

If yes, where do you plant them? At what rate do you get them?

3. Would you like to have a nursery in the village?

4. Would you like to give a part of your cultivable land for nursery?

VI WASTELAND PARTICULARS:

1. Since when has your land been lying waste?  
What were you growing there earlier?
2. Did you consult anybody for its reclamation?
3. Do you know anybody else's experience in wasteland reclamation?
4. Is your land Usar?
5. Did you get the soil tested? If yes, what were the results?
6. Does this land get water-logged? If yes, when and for how much time?
7. Does the land have stones ? At what depth?
8. Do you have irrigation facilities in the land? If yes, what is the source of irrigation and how far is it from the land?
9. If there is no irrigation facility, can you arrange for it?
10. What is the average depth of the water table?
11. Are you ready to bear the expenditure required for reclamation of the land?
12. What kind of trees would you like to plant in this land?

**PUMPSET**

What is the source of irrigation in your fields? Your own pumpset      Persian wheel      Water bought from other pumpset owner

**Pumpset Details :**

Make	HP	Year of Purchase	Amount of Loan taken	Acres of land it irrigates	Yearly expenditure On diesel/	On Maintenance	Material of the pipe
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Diesel

Electric:

- Monoblock
- Belt-driven
- Coupled

Where is the pumpset installed?      Bore Well      Ordinary Well

What is the depth of the water table?

Please give the seasonal variation of the depth, (if known)

How is the water conveyed to the fields?      With a pipe      Through a channel      With a sprinkler

i) Is the electricity bill paid according to the meter or on a flat rate basis?

ii) Do you get adequate water supply during the irrigation time?

Are you planning to buy a new pumpset ? If yes, please give the details

Type	Company	HP	Where will you install? Bore well/ordinary well	Material of the pipe you will use
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Are you planning to change any part of your pumpset ? If yes:

Part to be changed	When will you change	Reasons for changing it	Any specific feature of the new part	Expenditure to be incurred
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CROP RESIDUE

## VI EMPLOYMENT

1. Name
2. Age
3. Relationship with the household head
4. Qualifications
5. Main occupation
6. Do you do anything else besides the main occupation?
7. Have you been trained in any specific work?
  8. i) Are you busy throughout the year? If no, when are you free?
  - ii) Do you stay in the village during that time?
  - iii) Would you like to do some work during your free time?
9. Would you like to be trained in the biogas technology?
10. Can you help us in our activities? (On holidays or in your free time)

VII ENERGY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Do you know about the Energy Development Committee that has been formed in your village?

If yes, do you know who are the members of the committee?

2. Would you like to attend the committee meetings?

3. At what time should the committee meetings be held?

4. Do you want TERI to help solve any specific problems of the villagers?

Remarks of the investigators on the general attitude of the household

PART 2 FOR WOMEN

I. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE HOUSEHOLD:

1. HOUSEHOLD NO.

2. NAME OF THE HOUSEHOLD HEAD

3. NO OF MEMBERS IN THE FAMILY

AGE GROUP FEMALES

0 - 15

5 - 16

16 - 25

MORE THAN 25

4. DEVICES INSTALLED TARA DHANAWAS WATER HEATER SOLAR COOKER

NADA SHALLOW SOLAR POND BIOGAS

5. NAME OF THE INVESTIGATOR

6. DATE

## II DEVICES

### a) FOR USERS

TARA CHULHA

NADA CHULHA

1. Are you using it? Yes/No

2. Will you use it in all seasons?

If no, in what seasons you won't use it and why?

3. Are you satisfied with the device

i) If yes, reasons

a) Saves fuel

b) Gives out less  
smoke/no smoke

c) Saves time

d) Any other

ii) If no why?

4. Suggestions

b) FOR NON-USERS

TARA CHULHA

NADA CHULHA

1. Do you know about the device?

2. Have you seen it?

3. Why didn't you take it?

- 1) The cost is too high
- 11) Not aware of its advantages
- 111) Weren't contacted at the time of installation
- 1v) Don't have a kitchen
- v) Don't want to make a hole in the roof
- v1) Any other

4. Would you like to have it now?

- 1) If yes, will you pay for the pipe?
- 11) If no, why?

Under what condition will you take it?

- 1) If installed outside the house
- 11) Any other

5. Suggestions.

b) FOR NON USERS

BIOGAS

1. Do you know about it/Have you seen it?

2. Livestock Details

Animal	Number	WHERE ARE THEY KEPT AND IN WHICH SEASON				WHEN DO YOU GENERALLY BUY/SELL YOUR ANIMALS IN A YEAR
		IN FIELDS	AT HOME	IN FIELDS DURING THE DAY	AT HOME DURING THE NIGHT	
Cow						SELL
Buffalo						BUY
Bullock						
Calf						
Goat						
Poultry						
Others						

3. Would you like to have it?

If no, why?

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ON TER MER INY	FUEL USED	MODE OF AVAILABILITY		DO YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEM IN GETTING THE FUEL
		BUYING (AT WHAT RATE)	COLLECTING/MAKING AT HOME (FROM WHERE AND WHEN)	
	1) DUNG CAKES			
	ii) FUEL WOOD			
	iii) MUSTARD STALK			
	iv) OTHERS			
	1) DUNG CAKES			
	ii) FUELWOOD			
	iii) MUSTARD STALK			
	iv) OTHERS			
	1) DUNG CAKES			
	ii) FUELWOOD			
	iii) MUSTARD STALK			
	iv) OTHERS			

#### IV EMPLOYMENT

1. Name
2. Age
3. Relationship with the household head
4. Qualifications
5. Main occupation
6. Have you been trained in any specific fields?
7. i) When are you free during the year?
  - i) What do you do in your free time?
  - ii) Would you like to do any work during your free time?
8. Would you like to be trained in NADA chulha technology?
9. Would you like to help us in our activities?

## VII ENERGY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Do you know about the Energy Development Committee that has been formed in your village?

If yes, do you know who are the members of the committee?

2. Do you want TERI to help solve any specific problem of the villagers?

Remarks of the investigators on the general attitude of the household



## APPENDIX II

### Write-ups on TERI's Activities in Dhanawas

#### Village Energy Development Committee

As you are aware, Tata Energy Research Institute has been working in your village, Dhanawas for development in the field of energy. This village was selected for this purpose with the help of the Government of Haryana in February 1984. In the beginning, surveys were carried out in the village with the help of some villagers to get information about the village in general and about energy related activities in particular. Since then, biogas plants, improved cookstoves, and solar devices are being installed and an energy plantation is being developed in the village.

Till now, three biogas plants have been installed in the village. All the three plants are in use. Under the improved cookstoves programme two types of chulhas (cookstoves) have been given in the village - a portable metal stove "TARA" and a fixed mud-stove with chimney "Nada". Till now, about 100 chulhas have been sold in the village. NADA chulha has been constructed in 10 households.

Some solar devices have also been given on demonstration. Out of these, two solar cookers are being used by two households. Three households are using domestic solar water heaters also. Two of these

are of one type called the "Dhanawas Water Heater". The third one is of another type called the "Shallow Solar Pond" (SSP).

To improve the supply of wood in the village, energy plantation was started on 20 acres of Panchayat Wasteland. The trees that were installed first have not grown very well. Therefore now new species, which will be more suitable for that soil, are being planted on the same land. These include jamun, kala siris, safed siris, arjun, ramkanti babul, papadi, avaram, bamboo and casea siamea.

For the success of all these activities, it is essential that the villagers also participate in them and give their feedback from time to time. For this purpose, a committee called the Village Energy Development Committee has been found in the village. This committee has seven members in all. Five of these are from the village and two are from TERI. From the village, following are the members:

1. Shri.Rati Ram
2. Shri.Ram Niwas
3. Shri.Nandlal
4. Shri.Khemchand
5. Shri.Jaikishan

From TERI, Ms. Sangeeta Kohli and Shri.V.V.Ranga Rao are the members. This committee was formed in July, 1986.

All activities undertaken in the village by TERI are discussed in the committee meetings. All the important decisions related to these activities are also taken by the committee. Villagers can get information about TERI's activities from the committee members and give their feedback also to them. A savings account has also been started on behalf of the committee in the Syndicate Bank in Wazirpur village. This account is jointly in the name of Shri.Ram Niwas from the village and Shri.V.V.Ranga Rao from TERI. In this account, the money generated from energy development activities in the village is deposited. This money can then be used for the welfare of the village. Money collected from the sale of TARA chulhas in the village was also deposited in this account. The amount was used for installing a hand-pump in the village temple.

#### **TARA Chulha**

TARA is an improved metal chulha which consumes less fuel and takes less time for cooking. As it is made of metal it is more durable than the mud-chulha. It is also portable and can therefore, be used both inside and outside the house.

In this chulha, you can use fuels like dung-cakes, crop residue and wood. Vessels of different sizes can be kept on this chulha. However, as its firebox is small, rotis cannot be baked in it in the traditional way. Except roti, the chulha can be used for making other

things like tea, vegetables, fodder etc.

The actual cost of this chulha is Rs.65/-, but in Dhanawas, it is being sold for Rs.15/-. Rest of the cost is being borne by TERI and Haryana Government.

#### NADA Chulha

Nada is a chimney chulha made of mud. It has a cement chimney through which the smoke goes out of the kitchen. There are two ports in this chulha. Fire is lit in one port, from where, the flue gases go to the second port and then, through the chimney, go out of the kitchen. The dishes kept on the second port get cooked with the heat from the flue gases. Thus, on this chulha two dishes can be cooked at the same time. If only one dish is to be cooked, the second port is closed with a cover so that smoke goes to the chimney and does not come out of the second port. To control the fire, a metal plate called the chimney damper, is provided in the chulha. The chimney damper is very important in this chulha and proper functioning of the chulha depends a lot on the damper usage.

In this chulha, as in a traditional one, fuels like dung-cakes, wood and crop residues can be used. Rotis can also be baked in this chulha in the traditional way.

This chulha has following advantages: Till now ten NADA chulhas have been installed in the village for demonstration.

For the construction of these chulha, TERI had called women masons from village Khorı. If at present a lot of people in the village are willing to have this chulha, the installation work will be carried out once again. It is desired by TERI that some people from Dhanawas itself get trained in the construction of this chulha. If some people are ready for this, the training and the installation work will be carried out at the same time.

### Biogas

Biogas plant is a device for generating gas from cattle dung. In this device dung gets digested and in the process a gas is formed. This gas, known as biogas or gobar gas, is a good fuel and burns without smoke. Therefore it is a better fuel than dungcakes or wood whose combustion gives out smoke which is harmful for health and environment. This gas burns like the cylinder gas and there is no danger in its use.

After generation of the gas the dung which has been digested can be used as fertilizer. If you make cakes out of the dung you can only use it as a fuel and not for manure, but through biogas you can get fuel as well as fertilizer from the same dung.

Biogas plant has four main parts:

- 1) A digester for the dung
- 2) An inlet for putting the dung into the digester
- 3) An outlet for the dung to come out of the digester

#### 4) Gas pipe

The digester is made underground with bricks and cement. It is quite big in size and can accommodate 50 times the dung required daily for the operation of the plant. Dung is put in through the inlet and after digestion it comes out of the outlet on its own. The gas generated in the tank comes to the kitchen through the pipeline. Next to the outlet a large pit is dug to store the digested slurry. The digested dung comes out of the outlet and gets collected in this pit on its own.

Even after digestion, fertilizer characteristics of the dung remain intact. Thus the digested slurry can be used directly as a fertilizer without any further composting. Fertilizer obtained in a year from a plant of 2 cu.m. per day capacity is sufficient for 1 acre of land for two crops.

A healthy cow gives 10 kg of dung every day. From a buffalo 15 kg and from a calf 8 kg of dung can be obtained every day. From 25 kg of gobar 1 cu.m. (35 cu. feet) of gas can be obtained which is sufficient for the cooking requirements of 2-3 people. For a plant giving 2 cu.m. of gas per day 50 kg of dung is required every day which is sufficient for 5 people.

Biogas can be used for cooking, lighting and even for driving a pumpset. For driving a pumpset biogas is used in a special engine which uses 80% of biogas and 20% of

diesel.

#### Cost of a biogas plant

Government gives considerable amount of subsidy on a biogas plant. This subsidy depends on the capacity of the plant and is about one third the total plant cost. To promote the biogas programme in Dhanawas, TERI is giving an additional subsidy on biogas plants being constructed in this village. After deducting the Government subsidy, the remaining cost is shared equally by the owner and TERI. This way, the owner has to pay only about one third the total plant cost. The total cost of a biogas plant and the amount of subsidy on it is being given here for different plant capacities. The total cost may change with time.

Capacity (cu.m./day)	Total Cost (Rs.)	Government Subsidy (Rs.)
2	5000/-	2350/-
3	6000/-	2860/-
4	7000/-	3220/-
6	9000/-	3920/-

Cost of the biogas stove and the pipeline have not been included here. Cost of the dung required for initial charging is also additional. Cost of this dung has to be paid by the plant owner.

## **Agroforestry**

Trees play an important role in maintaining the fertility of the agricultural lands. There are various trees which can be planted along with crops. Plantation of these trees helps in improving the productivity of the crop. These days a lot of chemical fertilizers and pesticides are used in agriculture. These chemicals are good for the crops but at times they can be harmful too. Trees absorb such substances from the soil and decrease their harmful effect on the soil. Our area experiences hot winds or "loo" in summer and at times a frost in winter. Trees protect the crop from these extreme weather conditions. Wherever the right species of trees have been planted with the crops, the yield of the crop has been found to increase. Most of the trees take water and minerals from the lower layers of the soil and thus do not compete with crop for nutrition.

These days price of wood is going up and is not expected to come down in future. Trees, planted now will have a very high value after ten years. Thus in the long run, these trees can bring economic benefits.

For plantation of trees, it is very essential to have the right saplings. For supply of these saplings, a nursery in the village will be very helpful. For area around Dhanawas, ramkanti babul, poplar, safeda and bamboo are some of the species which can be planted with the crop.

## **Wasteland Reclamation**

The land which has a higher salt content, is rocky, is water-logged or is not cultivable due to some other reason is called wasteland. Our country has about 70 lakh hectares of wasteland. A considerable part of this lies in Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

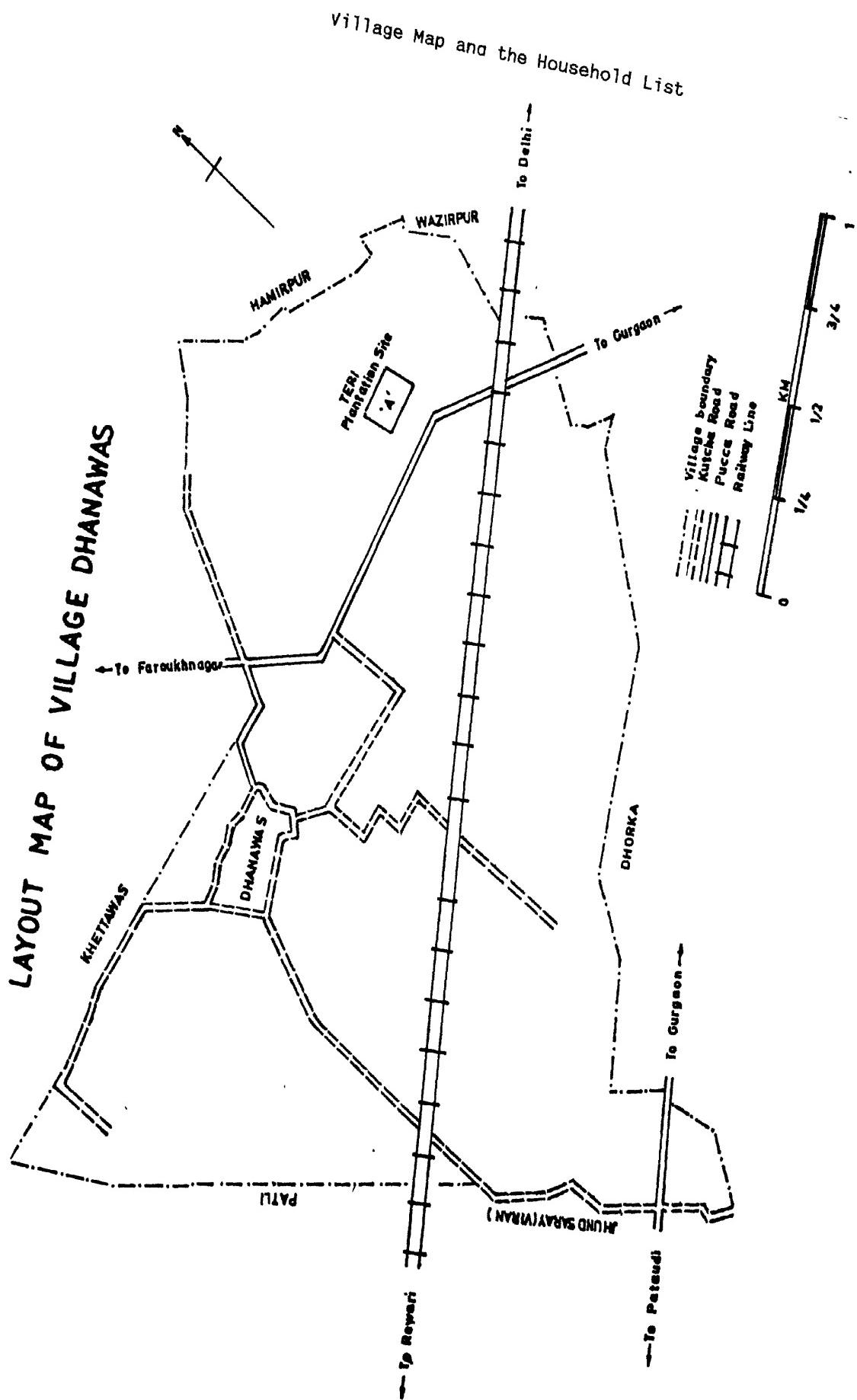
Wasteland can be made fertile again. In some cases of high salt content, the salt can be reduced through irrigation. In some other cases chemicals like gypsum can help in reclaiming the land. However it is not possible to maintain the soil fertility only with the help of chemical substances. The land can be made fertile again through plantation of trees. Tree plantation helps the land in various ways:

1. Trees shade the land, thus reducing the evaporation of water from the soil. Thus water can be retained there for a longer period.
2. Trees reduce the salt content of the soil by absorbing these salts.
3. Leaves shed by the trees act as manure for the soil. After composting, most of these help in reducing the salt content.

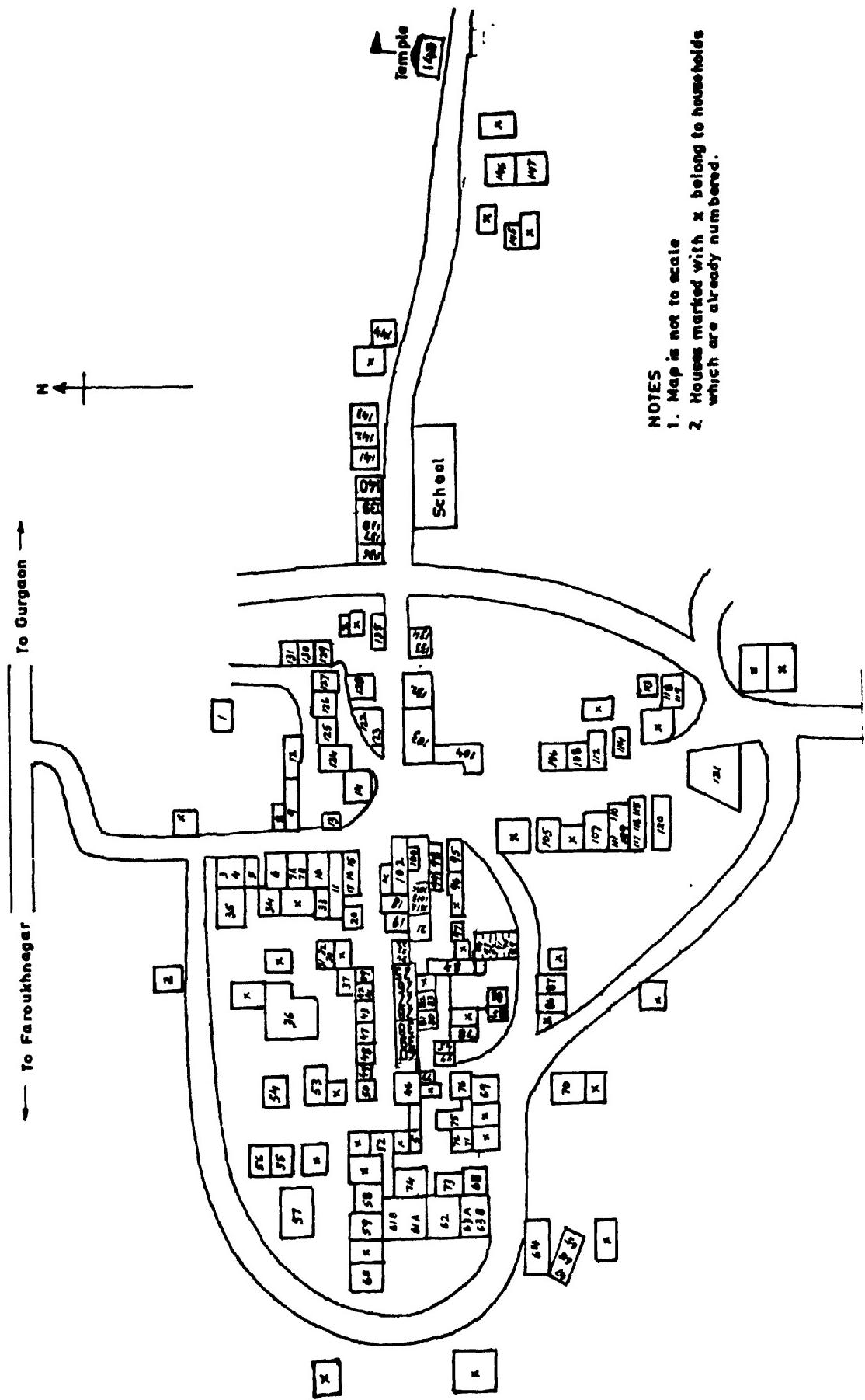
### **When should the trees be planted**

The right time for tree plantation in wastelands is October-November, when the weather is neither too hot nor very cold. In this season there is no waterlogging either. At this time, irrigation of plants is very

essential. They should also be protected from grazing. It is difficult to protect trees good for fodder. The species planted should be able to withstand the extremities of the weather. The trees which provide fuelwood and grow faster are better for plantation. Species like vilayati kikar, babul, siris, karanj, arjun and sheesham are good for reducing the salt in the soil. Bamboo is also useful if protection from grazing can be provided.



## MAP OF VILLAGE DHAN AWAS



### NOTES

1. Map is not to scale
2. Houses marked with X belong to households which are already numbered.

**Household List for Village Dhanawas**

<b>Household No.</b>	<b>Name of the Household</b>	<b>Father's Name</b>
1.	Sh. Ganpat	Sh. Rupram
2.	Sh. Manohar Lal	Sh. Sumer Singh
3.	Sh. Patram	Sh. Sundu Ram
4.	Sh. Likhiram	Sh. Phool Singh
5.	Sh. Lakhmi Chand	Sh. Ramdhan
6.	Sh. Badluram	Sh. Layakram
7A.	Sh. Omprakash	Sh. Ramdhan
7B.	Sh. Mehar Chand	Sh. Ramdhan
8.	Sh. Kehar Singh	Sh. Mangal Singh
9.	Sh. Kartar Singh	Sh. Kehar Singh
10.	Sh. Lal Singh	Sh. Sukhdev
11.	Sh. Ramniwas	Sh. Manohar Lal
12.	Sh. Karan Singh	Sh. Challuram
13.	Sh. Narayan Singh	Sh. Hetlal
14.	Sh. Ramesh	Sh. Hetlal
15.	Sh. Mohan Lal	Sh. Bhim Singh
16.	Sh. Sohan Lal	Sh. Bhim Singh
17.	Sh. Prem Singh	Sh. Bhim Singh
18.	Sh. Krishan Kumar	Sh. Rati Ram
19A.	Sh. Khushiram	Sh. Govardhan
19B.	Smt. Sonadevi	W/o Sh. Hari Singh
20.	Sh. Sheeshram	Sh. Kehar Singh
21.	Sh. Ram Kishan	Sh. Siri Ram
22.	Sh. Shadiram	Sh. Ragunath
23.	Sh. Puran Chand	Sh. Raghunath
24.	Sh. Govind	Sh. Raghunath
25.	Sh. Srichand	Sh. Sumer Singh
26.	Sh. Amichand	Sh. Desraj
27.	Sh. Hoshiar	Sh. Desraj
28.	Sh. Hiralal	Sh. Desraj
29.	Sh. Bodan Singh	Sh. Phool Singh
30.	Sh. Rohtas	Sh. Chander
31.	Sh. Chetram	Sh. Chander
32.	Sh. Sukbir	Sh. Chander
33.	Sh. Sher Singh	Sh. Abhay Singh
34.	Sh. Jhamman Singh	Sh. Sukhdev
35.	Sh. Maichand	Sh. Sukhdev
36.	Sh. Chiranjilal	Sh. Mangal Singh
37.	Sh. Krishan	Sh. Likhiram
38.	Sh. Dayaram	Sh. bodhuram
39.	Sh. Bodhuram	Sh. Baklstavar
40.	Sh. Ramavatar	Sh. Bodhuram
41.	Sh. Puran Chand	Sh. Madhuram
42.	Sh. Madhuram	Sh. Madhuram
43.	Sh. Mahavir	Sh. Bodhan Singh
44.	Sh. Sheonarayan	Sh. Bodhan Singh
45.	Sh. Ranbir	Sh. Bodhan Singh
46.	Sh. Raghbir	Sh. Ramjilal

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47.	Sh. Chattar Singh	Sh. Sukhdev
48.	Sh. Jaidayal	Sh. Sukhdev
49.	Sh. Balram	Sh. Kashiram
50.	Sh. Siriram	Sh. Ramgopal
51.	Sh. Rohtas	Sh. Sumer Singh
52.	Sh. Jagdish	Sh. Kashiram
53.	Sh. Lakshmi Narayan	Sh. Ganpat
54.	Sh. Ramnath	Sh. Ram Sarup
55.	Smt. Chameli	W/o Late Sh. Dharampal
56.	Sh. Sultan Singh	Sh. Ram Sarup
57.	Sh. Ganpat	Sh. Dolaram
58.	Sh. Baljeet	Sh. Kashiram
59.	Sh. Dhaniram	Sh. Sukhdev
60.	Sh. Chailuram	Sh. Prabhudayal
61A.	Sh. Harchand	Sh. Budhar
61B.	Sh. Satbeer	Sh. Harchand
62.	Sh. Bishen Singh	Sh. Prahlad
63A.	Sh. Ratan Singh	Sh. Chitru
63B.	Sh. Jagram	Sh. Chitru
64.	Sh. Surat Singh	Sh. Lal Singh
65.	Sh. Ramavtar	Sh. Rajaram
66.	Sh. Sriprakash	Sh. Rajaram
67.	Sh. Ramanand	Sh. Rajaram
68.	Sh. Parmanand	Sh. Kanshiram
69.	Sh. Omprakash	Sh. Deepchand
70.	Sh. Babulal	Sh. Deepchand
71.	Sh. Jaikishan	Sh. Kanshiram
72.	Sh. Kanshiram	Sh. Lekhram
73.	Sh. Bharat Singh	Sh. Prahlad
74.	Sh. Mir Singh	Sh. Prahlad
75.	Sh. Ram Narayan	Sh. Bhakturam
76.	Sh. Ishwar	Sh. Surat Singh
77.	Sh. Balwant Singh	Sh. Sumer Singh
78.	Sh. Sirichand	Sh. Dungar Singh
79.	Sh. Gian Chand	Sh. Umrao
80.	Sh. Satpal	Sh. Balwant Singh
81.	Sh. Balant Singh	Sh. Summer Singh
82.	Sh. Umrao	Sh. Mohar Singh
83.	Sh. Ramavtar	Sh. Umrao
84.	Sh. Omprakash	Sh. Mohar Singh
85.	Sh. Itbari	Sh. Kesala
86.	Sh. Dayanand	Sh. Itbari
87.	Sh. Juglal	Sh. Bhunderam
88.	Sh. Bishambar	Sh. Bhunderam
89.	Sh. Kudiaram	Sh. Ramkaran
90.	Sh. Khemchand	Sh. Ramkaran
91.	Sh. Ram Singh	Sh. Ramjilal
92.	Sh. Ramnath	Sh. Ramjilal
93.	Sh. Banwarilal	Sh. Nathuram
94.	Sh. Chimanlal	Sh. Rampath

Household No.	Name of the Household	Father's Name
95.	Sh. Tejram	Sh. Mehar Chand
96.	Sh. Shesh Ram	Sh. Mehar Chand
97.	Sh. Ramesh	Sh. Chitroo
98.	Sh. Ishwar Singh	Sh. Mehar Chand
99.	Sh. Trikaram	Sh. Mehar Chand
100.	Sh. Omprakash	Sh. Sheonath
101A.	Sh. Sheocharan	Sh. Madhu Ram
101B.	Sh. Sheonarayan	Sh. Madhu Ram
101C.	Sh. Ramniwas	Sh. Madhu Ram
102.	Sh. Ratiram	Sh. Govardhan
103.	Sh. Guggan Singh	Sh. Ramji Lal
104.	Sh. Chand Singh	Sh. Ramchandar
105.	Sh. Ja'lal	Sh. Umrao
106.	Sh. Sher Singh	Sh. Sheoram
107.	Sh. Sajjan Singh	Sh. Dulichand
108.	Sh. Mangal Singh	Sh. Mussan
109.	Sh. Tularam	Sh. Roshan Lal
110.	Sh. Jagroop	Sh. Tularam
111.	Sh. Sartaj	Sh. Tularam
112.	Sh. Chandgiram	Sh. Nathuram
113.	Sh. Sheshram	Sh. Nathuram
114.	Sh. Tarachand	Sh. Harinarayan
115.	Sh. Puran Chand	Sh. Bhonduram
116.	Sh. Munshiram	Sh. Bhonduram
117.	Sh. Angrez	Sh. Bhonduram
118.	Sh. Rajpal	Sh. Ram Sarup
119.	Sh. Bastiram	Sh. Ram Sarup
120.	Sh. Ishwar Singh	Sh. Nandram
121.	Sh. Kushiram	Sh. Govardhan
122.	Sh. Kishanlal	Sh. Siriram
123.	Sh. Moolchand	Sh. Bhani Sai
124.	Sh. Mangtaram	Sh. Prem Raj
125.	Sh. Hoshiar Singh	Sh. Prem Raj
126.	Sh. Bharat Singh	Sh. Prem Raj
127.	Sh. Bhavaniram	Sh. Mangturam
128.	Sh. Jagmal	Sh. Sumer Singh
129.	Sh. Mangeram	Sh. Sahjad
130.	Sh. Gopiram	Sh. Sahjad
131.	Sh. Gugganram	Sh. Sahjad
132.	Sh. Hariram	Sh. Sahjad
133.	Sh. Ramesh	Sh. Hukamchand
134.	Sh. Chatter Singh	Sh. Hukamchand
135.	Sh. Ramniwas	Sh. Sahjad
136.	Sh. Harprasad	Sh. Ramjeevan
137.	Sh. Hardatt	Sh. Balakram
138.	Sh. Phool Singh	Sh. Nawal Singh
139.	Sh. Lalarm	Sh. Chitroo
140.	Sh. Ramkumar	Sh. Dulichand
141.	Sh. Phool Singh	Sh. Sirichand
142.	Sh. Rajkanwar	Sh. Sirichand

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143.	Sh. Sheocharan	Sh. Sirichand
144.	Sh. Bhairam	Sh. Bhani Sai
145.	Sh. Tejram	Sh. Sirichand
146.	Sh. Gian Chand	Sh. Chitroo
147.	Sh. Kartar Singh	Sh. Bhunderam
148.	Temple	

Note: Household numbers 19A, 37, 42, 77 and 80 have not been considered as houses.

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separate uses for sections on  
cooking fuels and improved chulhas. For all other  
sections, these households have been combined with  
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